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BRITISH NATIONALS WARNED Advised To Register For Possible Evacuation

Communist Advance In North Causes Alarm

Fog Blots Out Shanghai

Shanghai, Feb. 15. Air and sea communications with parts of the country and Hong Kong were completely suspended today by an intense fog blanketing the area. Planes from Hong Kong this morning were either turned back or directed to Tientsin.—Central News.

Pandit Nehru's Appeal

New Delhi, Feb. 15. Pandit Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, broadcasting to the nation last night declared: "We have to hold together in this hour of crisis for the nation and fight the terrible poison of communalism that killed the greatest man of our age."

"Those who celebrated the killing of a man who had forfeited their right to be called Indians," Mr. Pandit Nehru said that he was "distressed beyond measure to learn of whisperings about vital differences" between Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Deputy Prime Minister, and himself, and added, "India should know that these differences are overshadowed by fundamental agreements about the most important aspects of public life. Patel has been a brave captain of our people in war and peace, steadfast when others might waver and a great organizer."—Reuter.

King Leopold Rumours

Brussels, Feb. 15. King Leopold III, self-called King of the Belgians, will not abdicate unless asked to by his people, it was learned on the highest authority today.

The informant, who asked to remain anonymous, is one of the highest personalities in Royal circles and for years has handled the King's private affairs.

He said: "It is necessary to dispel many rumours by the King's political enemies as to his intentions. One of these is that when His Majesty returns from his present trip, he will abdicate and let his son and heir, Prince Baudoin, return to Belgium to ascend the throne."—United Press.

Solar Eclipse In Far East

Washington, Feb. 15. The National Geographic Society announced today that it will station observer teams from Southeast Asia to Northeastern America to chart the next solar eclipse on May 8-9 along a 5,320-mile arc.

Observers will be located in Burma, Siam, China, Korea, Japan and the Aloufins, and will photograph the eclipse on a "bracket" and more rightly integrate scale than ever before."—United Press.

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Nanking, Feb. 14. With the Communists advancing on Mukden and other besieged cities of Manchuria, British and American nationals in North China have been advised to "register for evacuation unless they wish to remain at their own risk of falling into the Communist area."

This "confidential advice," issued by Mr. S. L. Burdett, British Consul-General at Tientsin was confirmed by the British Embassy at Nanking.

This order, though not indicative of the speed of the civil war in North China is a precautionary measure taken by the British authorities for the speedy evacuation of their nationals should the occasion demand.

It is indicative of the trend of war and is the first open sign that foreigners have shown of their lack of confidence in the Central Government winning the Communist suppression campaign.

In order to eliminate a "double evacuation," British nationals in Tientsin were advised "not to proceed to Peiping or any other North China city where evacuation may be found necessary in the near future."

They have been advised to proceed to Shanghai or other cities south of the Yangtze River.

The area from which the people have been advised to leave includes the whole area of North and Central China east of Sian, capital of Shensi province, and Hankow, more than 300 miles inland from Shanghai.

Precaution

An Embassy official explained that it was a precautionary measure in view of the shortage of air-transport at the command of the British authorities in China.

The British and American Consulates at Changchun and Mukden were recently closed. Unconfirmed reports from Peiping today say that the American Consul-General at Mukden, Mr. Angus Ward, has returned from Washington Treaty to discuss the evacuation of British staff in the event of the Communists capturing the city. It is presumed he discussed the evacuation in Washington.

The intentions of other foreign consulates are unknown.—Reuter.

A "Suggestion"

Sir Ralph Stevenson later said that the circular being distributed from British consulates "suggested" that all non-essential British be removed from "exposed areas" of North China to Shanghai.

He explained that since British surrendered extraterritoriality in

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China in 1945, British must depend upon the Chinese Government for protection.

In event of an emergency, the Ambassador said, the British Government would be unable to furnish aircraft or other facilities for evacuation.—Associated Press.

Tsingtao Danger

Pearl Harbour, Feb. 15. Under Secretary of the Navy W. John Keeney said today that 84 American civilians, including Navy dependents, in the Tsingtao area, are threatened by Chinese Communist encirclement and that the Navy plans to evacuate them if necessary.—United Press.

Shanghai Rent Shock

Shanghai, Feb. 15. The expenses budget of the 5,000,000 population of Shanghai will be drastically affected as the result of a surprising decision reached yesterday afternoon at the local Municipal Land Bureau by the Committee appointed for the purpose of deciding on the question of house rentals in the city.

The Committee, which was composed of representatives of the Land Bureau, City Council, the Civic Federation, the Chamber of Commerce, the District Court, the Kuomintang Headquarters and the Real-Estate Merchants' Guild, decided after long deliberation that local rentals should be adjusted to living in accordance with the cost of living indices for workers and Government employees.

The effect of this decision, which is bound to create a tremendous outcry from the masses, will be to increase the monthly cost of living by at least 1,000 per cent, for the greater majority of the residents.—Reuter.

Murmurings Of Revolt In KMT

China's younger politicians are expected to make the coming National Assembly election of the Vice-President their first united effort to throw off continued domination by "elder statesmen."

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China Currency Reform Hint

Nanking, Feb. 15. The "Central Daily News" said today that the government expected to issue an important statement in the near future on currency reform with special reference to a Chinese request for a financial loan.

The paper indicated the statement will be a reply to American comments that a loan of from \$300,000,000 to \$500,000,000 is insufficient to recall the inflated national currency.—United Press.

Rationing Scheme For China

Nanking, Feb. 15. The Mayors of China's five largest cities are meeting here tomorrow to draft plans for rationing as a means for driving down inflated food prices.

Miao Chia-ming, Chinese Minister, and Chairman of the Sino-American Relief Committee, said 170,000 tons of American-supplied foodstuffs—mostly wheat and rice—would be utilized in an effort to break the rising cost of living in Nanking, Shanghai, Peiping, Canton and Tientsin.

If experimental rationing in these urban centres is successful, the plan will be extended to all of Government-held China, he said.

Four Municipal Mayors and Chairman Wu Kai-shien of Shanghai's Social Affairs Bureau representing Mayor K.C. Wu, will open conferences tomorrow under the chairmanship of National Food Minister Ku Cheng-lu. Provisionally it is planned to set monthly per capita ration at 15 catties of flour in North China and one ton of grain or flour in South China.—Associated Press.

Rendering Unto Caesar?

Shanghai, Feb. 15. Industrial equipment originally stripped from Manchuria is being returned to Communist-held Harbin by Russia, an evacuation machine removed from Mukden reported today.

This foreign informant, now en route to Hong Kong, said he had been reliably informed that the Soviets were shipping back industrial machinery removed from Manchuria following Japan's surrender.

Some of the equipment was packed in the some crates in which it was removed and presumably lay untouched in Siberia for 18 months. He could cite no figures.—United Press.

Shanghai Fire Tragedy

Shanghai, Feb. 15. More than 10 Chinese, including at least four children, were burnt to death this morning in a fire which raged for two hours, completely destroying a private dwelling in the Nantao district here adjoining the former French concession.

The exact number of deaths is not yet known as late today the firemen were still digging into the smouldering ruins for the bodies of victims.—Reuter.

Suicidal Trade Policy

Shanghai, Feb. 15. The "China Press" reportedly owned by the Kung family—said editorially today that the Government's slash of import quotas was a mistake.

"That China should strive for balanced foreign trade is axiomatic. However, the Government does not appear to recognize that a healthy state of foreign trade cannot and will not be attained through continual reduction of imports.... We believe China already has reached the limit where a further reduction will do more harm than good."—United Press.

BOXER ROBBED

New York, Feb. 14. Livio Minelli, the Italian lightweight, had \$4,100 stolen from his furnished rooms in New York, and reported to the police that he had won the money in his fight last Monday in Philadelphia with Ike Williams, the world lightweight champion.—Reuter.

Joy Ride



No, there wasn't another at the other end of the pole. It seems father was told to take Junior out for an airing, and this is how he did it.
(China Mail photo)

CHINA'S SOVEREIGNTY

Sharp Reaction To American Hint

Shanghai, Feb. 14. Commenting on an editorial in the American-owned and edited "Shanghai Evening Post," which advocated the opening of China's inland waterways to foreign shipping as a requirement for American aid to China, the Kuomintang-controlled newspaper "Shun Pao" says that if this represents the wishes of American businessmen in Shanghai, then "we feel that there is a need for the 19th century mentality of foreign businessmen in Shanghai to be changed."

It says that the "Evening Post" was clearly voicing the common wishes of the American business community here.

The "Shanghai Evening Post" editorial said that before American aid is granted, "there should be insistence that China adhere to international practice with reference to shipping in inland waters. Abnormal restrictions on foreign vessels, on behalf of a small group of private Chinese interests, now greatly reduce China's communications facilities while increasing shipping costs."

The "Shun Pao" replied by saying that while "China certainly needs a loan and foreign aid, she would not accept them under terms which 'will infringe on our sovereignty rights. We feel that the opening of inland waters to foreign shipping will infringe on our sovereignty."

The paper pointed out that the U.S. State Department has persistently said in its European programme that it does not want to interfere in the internal rights of Government in the countries involved.

"Lack Of Knowledge"

It charged that American businessmen in China have linked Chinese Government-owned enterprises with Government officials "and so have advocated that Government-owned enterprises be prevented from expanding."

Ending with an often-used explanation, this paper said that this criticism as it applies to Chinese shipping indicates a lack of knowledge of conditions in China.—United Press.

A Waaf Point Settled

London, Feb. 15. The Air Ministry announces that although the new title of W.A.A.F. is "Women's Royal Air Force," the old title will continue to be used until the resolution of the General Assembly. For the above reason the Commission has decided to refer to the Security Council the problem of providing armed assistance in Palestine which would enable the Commission to discharge its responsibilities.

EISENHOWER'S GRIM FINAL REPORT

Washington, Feb. 15. General Dwight Eisenhower in his final report as U.S. Chief of Staff declared today that if the Mediterranean nations should lose their independence war "would be close to us."

Eisenhower, who left office last week, warned repeatedly against the dangers of totalitarian aggression and outlined the military needs of the United States to ward off atomic and other possible forms of attack.

"Our traditional friends in Western Europe are in straitened circumstances and some are threatened with strangulation by a militant political party whose obvious purpose is to promote chaos and insurrection for the advantage of an alien delogy."

"Were those countries to give up the good fight for our common heritage of liberty and become pawns of totalitarianism, America's security would be in dire danger."

Eisenhower went on: "We would find ourselves facing across narrowing oceans and Arctic barriers a despotic colossus spread over and beyond the combined Eurasian

territories of the Roman Empire, the Persia of antiquity, the Germanic kingdoms, and the Mongol Kubla Khans.

"Naturally, we would prefer to discount the likelihood of such grave developments. But we can do so only in so far as we combat the conditions that might lead to them."

"To reduce their likelihood is the purpose of our present foreign policy in such critical areas as the Mediterranean. There we are supporting nations whose continued independence helps to assure free communications and commerce between other independent nations."

"If this oldest corridor between East and West were walled up the effects would be instant and catastrophic."

Eisenhower declared:

"International commerce, the economic foundation of stable peace would be disrupted. War in such a case would be close to us."

He said world conditions today are "sufficiently turbulent so that one isolated action might precipitate a conflict now and once started in a critical area war leaps across new borders quickly and involves other nations whose whole desire is for peace."

Forms Of Attack

The General observed that scarcely any form of attack can be dismissed as fantastic in planning the nation's defence: he mentioned specifically atomic and bacteriological warfare.

The United States daily becomes "more sensitive to the types of attack that will certainly be characteristic of future wars."

"Many millions of urban dwellers who raise none of their own food would starve within weeks if the transport system was broken. Heavy industry would shut down if Pittsburgh, Birmingham (Alabama) and the Gary (Indiana) areas were destroyed."

"Our national life would be crippled if Washington, New York and a few other centres were subjected to sudden attack. We could scarcely carry on if bacteria should destroy the grain crop of a single year."

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Canton Women Outnumbered

Canton has 87,801 more men than women, according to the latest official census figures, said a dispatch from the Kwangtung capital yesterday.

The census, which started on Feb. 4 and was completed on Saturday, showed a total population of 1,333,277, of whom 255,212 were described as transient population.

Permanent residents numbered 1,078,065, (607,932 males, 520,133 females). Total households recorded were 202,084.

The census was taken preparatory to the introduction of a food rationing system next month.

International Army For Palestine?

Lake Success, Feb. 15. The United Nations Palestine Commission has decided that there is an "urgent need" for a United Nations army to enforce the partition of Palestine and to ward off a "catastrophic conclusion" to the current bloodshed in the Holy Land, the United Press learned today.

Inspection of the Commission's report, which will be submitted to the Security Council next week, showed that it urges the organizing of an international Holy Land army without delay.

The documents warn that UN failure in Palestine will set a "dangerous tragic precedent" for the entire United Nations Organisation.

The report will charge "powerful Arab interests" with a deliberate conspiracy to alter by force the UN General Assembly plan for dividing the country between the Jews and Arabs.

"The Commission realises that time is a factor of utmost importance in its endeavour to fulfill the mandate given to it by General Assembly. The Commission, therefore, must emphasise the compelling need for prompt action."—United Press.

Arab Attack

Jerusalem, Feb. 15. A bridge over the River Jordan tributary northwest of Dan, on the Syrian-Palestine border, was blown up during the night and a smaller bridge nearby was completely destroyed. It was officially reported today.

It was thought Arabs blew up the bridges as a preliminary to an expected offensive against the Jewish settlements in the northern "Anger of Palestine."

In the Gaza area, south Palestine, two British non-commissioned officers were wounded when their truck was fired on yesterday.—Reuter.

Hunt For Mad Parson

London, Feb. 15. As a result of reports that he has been seen in London, the search which is going on for Edward Allen, known as the "Mad Parson," who escaped seven months ago from the Broadmoor Lunatic Asylum, has been extended.

Allen was sentenced to death for strangling 17-month-old Kathleen Lucy Woodward at Burford, Oxfordshire, in 1937, but was later found insane.—Reuter.

"Peace Feelers" Rumour

Washington, Feb. 15. The U.S. State Department shut up like a clam on Saturday on the question of whether or not a Russian diplomat in Berlin had called in an American official there recently and thrown out Soviet "peace feelers."

Informally and privately, officials who are in a position to know about any such development say that they do not believe there is anything to it.

The reports of Russian "peace feelers" or efforts to "end the cold war" go back about 10 days. Initially, they came from Berlin and coincided with speculation in Washington that Russia might be ready to seek a settlement of outstanding differences with the west.

This speculation arose because the Russians had resumed lend-lease settlement talks at the State Department and because the Russians had made a new proposal for an agreement on an Austrian independence treaty.

At a news conference two weeks ago, Secretary of State Marshall said, however, he knew of no evidence that added up to a softening of the Soviet policy.

The initial report from Berlin of a secret meeting between an American and a Russian drew sceptical reactions here.—Associated Press.

Russian Denial

London, Feb. 15. The Information Bureau of the Soviet Military Administration in Germany today denied a report of a secret conference of U.S. and Russian representatives in Berlin, the Soviet news agency, Tass, said last night.

Tass termed the report "a fabrication from beginning to end."—Associated Press.

Concord Impossible?

Paris, Feb. 14. The United Nations debate and the divergent policy of the Allies in occupied Germany have long shown the impossibility of an accord between Soviet Russia and the Anglo-Saxon nations, the Conservative evening paper "Le Monde" declared today.

"Le Monde" said that it would be an error to believe that the situation could be remedied today or tomorrow, adding:

"France and Britain must concentrate their efforts towards creating a western Europe. If co-operation between Paris and London has been more perfect in the past three years, we would be far more advanced towards a solution of these important problems."—Reuter.

The Weather

The depression over Siam and NW China has weakened to a feeble trough and a weak Mongolian anticyclone is spreading slowly E over China. A small depression appears to be developing N of Okinawa and will move ENE.

Today's Forecast—Light E winds, cloudy with much fog at first, improving during the afternoon.

Yesterday's Weather:

Maximum: 74 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 65 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: 6.5 hours.
Rainfall: Trace. Total since Jan. 1—82.6 mm.=3.25 ins. as against an average of 56.2 mm.=2.21 ins.

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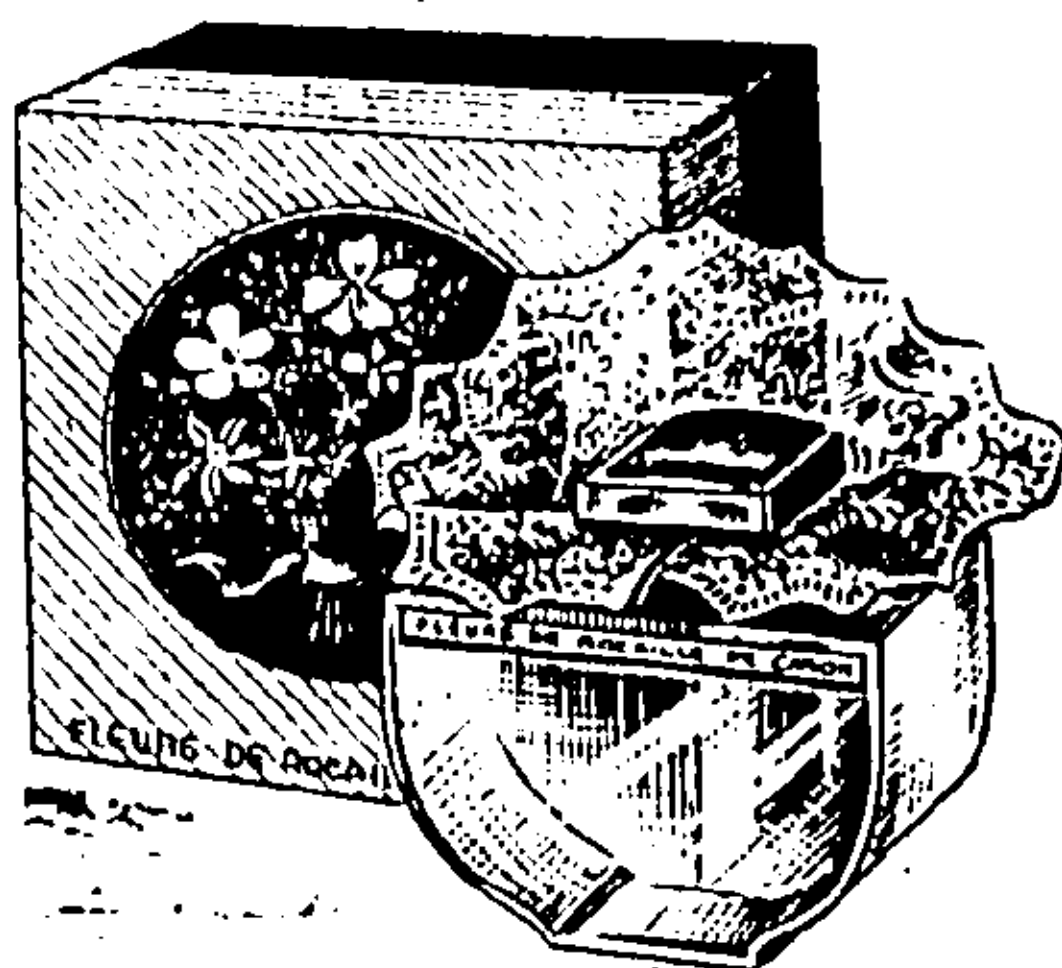
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Shanghai, Feb. 15.

American Quadruplets

Lafayette, Pa., Feb. 15.
Quadruplets—three girls and a boy—were born within five minutes early today to Mrs. Barbara Zavada, 25. The babies were placed in incubators immediately. Doctors said: "They seem to be doing fine."
Attending physicians predicted the quads last December.—Associated Press.

Floods Take 14 Lives

San Francisco, Feb. 15.
Turbulent flood waters from rain and snow-swollen rivers surged in eight states on Saturday, taking at least five lives. This increased to 14 the death toll of a two-day attack by the elements.
Thousands of people were driven from their homes by the angry flood waters. Sub-freezing temperatures added to their misery.
Four of today's flood dead were in West Virginia, the fifth was in Indiana.
Mississippi, in addition to facing a flood menace, counted nine dead and 42 injured from a tornado which ripped through the little town of Newton Friday.
Other states affected by the floods were Ohio, Tennessee, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Alabama.—Associated Press.

"Twisters"

New York, Feb. 15.
Nine of the dead were victims of "twisters," which flattened 52 homes and damaged 95 buildings in a Mississippi town on Friday.

An eleven-year-old boy was drowned in Indiana flood waters. Mr. Floods threaten the south. Few sections of the country escaped storm suffering. Snow, sleet and pressing rain covered a wide stretch from the Rockies to the north Atlantic seaboard. A cold wave covered the north and central states.—Reuter.

Terrorism "Outlawed"

New Delhi, Feb. 14.
Terrorism, as a means of achieving its aim, was outlawed today by the Working Committee of the All-India Mahasabha, the Orthodox Hindu organization to which Kathuram Vinayak Godse, the alleged assassin of Gandhi, has been said to belong.
In a resolution passed here, the Committee declared:
"This organization will not tolerate any act of terrorism in India for the achievement of its aim."
Another resolution pledged support for the National Government "in its efforts to suppress subversive activities in any shape or form."—Reuter.

China's first national Catholic educational conference was opened here this morning by Thomas Cardinal Tien in the presence of some 300 delegates of seven nationalities from all parts of the country.

The conference, which will discuss the programmes and problems of Catholic schools throughout China, has heard addresses by Archbishop Anthony Riberi, Apostolic to China, Dr. Ignatius Ying Chien-li, Director of Social Education, Nanking, and Dr. S. M. Lee, Commissioner of Education of the Shanghai Municipal Government.

Dr. Ying Chien-li read an address prepared for the conference by Dr. Chu Chin-hu, Minister of Education, who paid a high tribute to the part played by the Catholics of China in every phase of the nation's struggle during the war years.

Minister Chu noted that while widespread deterioration of discipline had been observed amongst Chinese students in recent times the students of Catholic schools had set a good example of stability and shown a high sense of discipline.

Sinister Challenge

In his address, Archbishop Riberi, emphasizing that "our educational work must keep pace with the nation's cultural movement," called for an increase in primary and secondary schools.

On the eve of the conference Cardinal Tien told the official Central News Agency that the Catholic Mission never contemplated withdrawal from Communist areas and is "all set

Shades of Japanese War Reports

Saigon, Feb. 14.
The French and Vietnamese authorities have disclosed their respective losses in men and material during operations in Tongking Province between October 7 and the end of December, 1947.

A Vietnam communique today gives the French losses as 3,300 killed including about 100 officers and one general, 3,900 wounded and 2,270 deserters. The Vietnam communique said Vietnamese losses were 260 killed, 169 wounded and 20 missing.

The Vietnam communique claimed: "The French have lost the battle of Tongking. They make undertake other operations, but they will have no success."

On the other hand, according to official French figures, the French losses for the period mentioned in the Vietnam communique were two per cent of the Vietnamese losses, which they said were 7,200 killed, 1,000 prisoners, and an undetermined number of wounded.

Vo Nguyen Glap

The French losses, the French military headquarters at Saigon said, were 244 killed, 41 missing and 588 wounded.

The French sources added that the Vo Nguyen Glap rebel army has been dislocated and rendered incapable of retaliatory action, although not completely annihilated.

Vo Nguyen Glap is Dr. Ho Chi Minh's Minister of Defence and leader of the Vietnamese troops.—Reuter.

LIBERTY SHIP AGROUND

Portland, Ore., Feb. 14.
Tugs pulled the Liberty ship "Thomas FitzSimons" from a rock ledge in the Columbia River Friday night, nearly 48 hours after the vessel ran aground. The ship was taken to Longview to discharge its cargo of wheat for Japan, then will undergo repairs. The agents said some damage was sprung, but the cargo was not damaged.

The vessel ran onto the ledge when outbound Wednesday night for Japan. Tugs could not free it until the bow was lightened by removal of tons of wheat.—Associated Press.

Explosion

London, Feb. 14.
The Danish salvage vessel "Erebo" and the Italian salvage vessel "Algeria Neri" from Leghorn have reached the 7,258-ton Dutch freighter "Lauronakark" damaged by an explosion yesterday near the Isle of Euboea. Lloyd's message from Leghorn dated today.
The ship reached her berth at the island of Euboea, southwest of Athens, between Italy and Greece.—Reuter.

to contest the sinister challenge of the Red peril."
He said that recently over 3,000 Catholics escaped from Communist rule but the Catholic authorities never budged even one inch on its stand and will not give thought to any evacuation from Red areas.—Reuter.

U.S. SERVICE CHIEFS TO BE CENSORED

Washington, Feb. 13.
The U.S. Defence Secretary (Mr. James Forrestal) today clamped a strict censorship on all public utterances by civilian and military chiefs of the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force on controversial subjects.

The order applies to the three civilian Secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force and civilian aides and to top uniformed "brass" of the three services. It covers anything they may say of a controversial nature, whether in a speech or article or in statements before Congressional Committees. "Everything must be submitted in advance for censorship," which Mr. Forrestal called "review" by his own office.

The Secretary said the order was intended to promote "more harmonious" cooperation within the armed forces. He added that it was aimed at "preventing inevitable differences of opinion about public matters from becoming topics of public debate and controversy."—United Press.

Loss To Grand Opera

Hollywood, Feb. 14.
Aldo Franchetti, 65, internationally known composer and conductor of Grand Opera, died Saturday. He had conducted most of the world's leading opera companies, including the Metropolitan in New York.

His best known composition was the Opera "Nanioko-Sanji" premiered at the Chicago Civic Opera during the 1925-26 season. He was awarded the David Bismuth Gold Medal for the work.

Mrs. Franchetti said he had just completed a Chinese opera entitled "Chao Chan" and was making plans for its publication prior to his illness.—Associated Press.

Central German Bank Established

Frankfurt, Feb. 15.
A Central German Bank empowered to issue currency but closely supervised by an Allied banking commission has been established for the Anglo-American occupied zone; it was announced today.

Anglo-American officials said they believed the bank would have great influence over the general financial condition of Bizonia since it is empowered to set minimum reserve requirements for individual banks and may regulate bank credit including the interest and discount rate and the open market operations of member banks.

The charter for both the bank and the Allied banking commission—composed of one American and one British representative—may be extended to include any other occupied zone.

The bank, which will serve as the fiscal agent for Bizonia in all dealings with other nations, will be capitalised at 100,000,000 marks (\$81,000,000).

The establishment of the bank is one of several steps now being taken to strengthen the Bizonia machinery. Others include the establishment of a Bizonia supreme court, the reorganization of the Bizonia Economic

American Request

Washington, Feb. 14.
The House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs today urged the nations which have exportable surpluses of any food in greater quantities than the United States can supply it to sell it through grants and loans to those soft currency countries which cannot afford to buy in dollars.

The Committee said that its appeal was directed towards Australia, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, New Zealand and Uruguay.
It was made in a series of reports to Congress by the Herter group, headed by Republican Congressman Mr. Christian Herter, which last year investigated European economic problems.—Reuter.

Great Day For Ceylon

New Delhi, Feb. 14.
The "Red and Gold Lion" flag—symbol of Ceylon's sovereignty—was unfurled here today by Mr. M.W.H. de Silva, the Ceylon Government's representative in India, at a function at his residence attended by Lord and Lady Mountbatten, the Indian Premier, Pandit Nehru, and others.

Addressing the gathering, Lord Mountbatten said: "Today is the direct result of the Southey Commission's report and I am naturally proud to have had the privilege of playing a small part in Ceylon's achievement of freedom."

Mr. Pandit Nehru said that the peoples of India were kith and kin and he hoped that they would cooperate together for advantage of the world.

Mr. de Silva said, "The success of our efforts to acquire freedom is due in some measure to the sense of justice and enlightened realism of the British people."

Before the proceedings started the guests stood up in silence in respect to the memory of Gandhi.—Reuter.

Austin Road Robbery

Having just moved into a new flat at No. 41, Austin Road, 2nd floor, Mr. and Mrs. D. Bokhary had an unenviable type of "house-warming" early yesterday morning.

They were visited by an unwelcome stranger who helped himself to money, clothing and a book of travellers' cheques.

Mr. Bokhary, who was in Hong Kong in the early days of the Re-Occupation as D.I.D. officer with the Indian Army, is now with Jardine's Godowns at East Point.

Y.W.C.A. PARTY

An enjoyable afternoon was spent by the children of the English speaking members of the Y.W.C.A. when they attended a Chinese New Year party at the Duddell Street Y.W.C.A.

The party was given in traditional Chinese style with the usual Chinese New Year refreshments.

The object of the party was to show the European children how the Chinese kiddies spent their new year.

After tea, sweets and balloons were distributed.

MUFTI'S HOUSE BOMBED

Jerusalem, Feb. 15.
Covered by automatic fire by Jewish forces, Jewish battle squads yesterday planted two bombs inside a house owned by Hajj Amin El Husseini, the Mufti of Jerusalem.

The explosions demolished one room and damaged the doorway.

The nephew of the Mufti, who was in the house at the time of the explosions, was uninjured.

Two signs were placed near the house, bearing the English words "Danger-Mine"—Reuter.

POLISH NOTE TO FRANCE

Paris, Feb. 14.

The Polish Embassy said here today that Polish organisations in France had for some time "been the object of continual administrative chicanery." Some organisations, it said, had waited vainly for official approval while organisations belonging to the National Polish Council in two Departments had been completely banned.

"Most of the Polish organisations which function with the authorisation of the French authorities are constantly disturbed by visits of police, who take away lists of members and membership cards."

"During the last few days, the number of cases of arrest and arbitrary detention of Polish organisations has increased, specially in the Moselle and Meurthe Departments."

The Polish Ambassador in Paris tonight presented a note to the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs protesting against the "measures taken by the French authorities against Polish organisations and Polish citizens in France."

Arrests

The Polish Foreign Minister, M. Zygmunt Modzilewski, had earlier handed the French Ambassador in Warsaw a note giving instances of "injustifiable arrests" of Poles living in France. Reuters Warsaw correspondent reported.

The Poles were described as organisers and active members of various Polish organisations and non political movements and the note said members of the French Association, of which Professor Frederic Joliot Curie, the physicist, is chairman, were among those affected.—Reuter.

Egypt To Control The Suez Canal?

London, Feb. 14.
Sir Alan Anderson, head of the Orient Line, who arrived at Plymouth today in the P. and O. liner "Socotra" after a visit to the Suez Canal (of which he is a director), forecast that when the concession expires in 20 years time the Egyptian government will refuse to allow the canal to remain under international control.

He told a reporter: "There is an intense spirit of nationalism in Egypt just now and it is unlikely that the Egyptians will forego the opportunity of controlling the canal."

The "Socotra" landed eight passengers and 91 bags of mail from Japan.—Associated Press.

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A Hug, A Kiss But No Ring, Yet

Santa Monica, Calif., Feb. 14.
With a hug, a kiss and a box of candy, Paul Drago, former Army private, and Kay Polchikoff, survivor of Hiroshima, were reunited here today.

Drago said he quit his job in Camden, New Jersey, to come west and visit the White Russian girl who arrived a week ago from Tokyo. He declined to talk about any romance.

Kay said: "There won't be any marriage, not a year, or maybe 10." They met in Japan.

She says she is looking for work and hopes to write a book about her experiences. Drago said he is looking for a job too.—Associated Press.

ATHENS TALKS

Athens, Feb. 15.
Greek Cabinet Ministers today conferred with the American Charge d'Affaires and the British Ambassador on the Greek military situation, and later issued a communique saying agreement had been reached on "basic policy relating to the anti-bandit campaign."

The communique said: "A clear definition of the relationships between the Greek Government and the American and British missions was also agreed upon."—United Press.

RELEASE DEMAND

Paris, Feb. 14.
The Assembly of the French Union, a consultative body of French and overseas delegates, has adopted an MRP (Popular Republican) motion demanding the release of Tran Ngoc Dan, former leader of the Vietnamese (Indochinese Nationalist) delegation in Paris.
Tran Ngoc Dan was arrested on January 29 on charges of acts prejudicial to French national integrity.—Reuter.

The Food Outlook Is "Gloomy"

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 15.
General Noble Clark, Deputy Director-General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, told the National Farm Institute here:

"The outlook for food supplies in the immediate future is gloomy. World food stocks at the end of the season will be lower than ever. Crop prospects for winter wheat are not good either here or in Europe."

"Available world supplies fall short of conservatively estimated requirements by 50 per cent, for rice, 75 per cent, for wheat. The world needs bumper crops for at least two years if even minimum requirements are to be met, but chances of bumper crops in all countries in the same year are naturally not high."

"There are few new acres anywhere which can quickly be brought into production."—Reuter.

Gandhi's Son Charged

Durban, Feb. 14.
Manilal Gandhi, son of India's assassinated Mahatma, has been summoned to appear in a magistrate's court here as a leader of a passive resistance movement.

Gandhi, with Dr. G. M. Nalaker, chairman of the Natal Indian Congress, and other Indian leaders here, will be charged on Feb. 26 with violating immigration regulations and the Riotous Assemblies Act.

The charges concern the sending of 25 adherents of passive resistance from Natal into Transvaal province recently.

The Immigration Act decrees that Asiatics may not move from one province to another without permits.

Indians in South Africa have been protesting against laws which they consider discriminate against Asiatics.—Associated Press.

MILK RATIONING

London, Feb. 15.
Milk rationing in Britain is likely to continue until 1951, according to the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Tom Williams, speaking to farmers at Reading yesterday.

If the rate of increase achieved between 1941 and 1946 could be made between 1946 and 1951, then it will be reasonable to hope the limitation on sales could be removed.—Reuter.

Reminders

Today
Annual General Meeting, United Services Recreation Club, 6.30 p.m.

Interport Sub-Committee meeting, H.K. Football Association office, 5.30 p.m.

Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Coming Events
TOMORROW
Fourth Gramophone Recital, Sino-British Music Group, Helena May Institute, 9.15 p.m.

H.K. Football Association Council meeting, Association Office, 5.15 p.m.

Urban Council Meeting, GPO Building, 4.15 p.m.

Rotary Club Closed Meeting, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Royal Air Forces Association meeting, Cock and Pullet Restaurant, Duddell St., 12.45 p.m.

Annual General Meeting, Society of Yorkshiresmen, Jacobean Room, H.K. Hotel, 6.30 p.m.

THURSDAY
Farewell Dinner for Mr. S. V. Boxer by Old Morrisians, H.K. University Alumni, Queen's Building.

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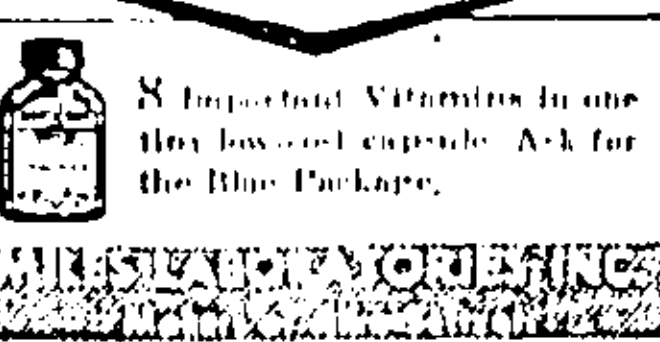
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CORDIAL BUT BLUNT AT THE SAME TIME Hint Dropped To Franco Aide

Madrid, Feb. 14. The United States Charge d'Affaires, Paul Culbertson, told the Franco Government recently how, and what, they would have to do to get back in the good graces of the United States, and perhaps receive Marshall Plan aid, an unimpeachable source told the United Press exclusively today.

Culbertson did not deliver a note but talked fully, cordially and bluntly to the Spanish Foreign Minister, Alberto Martin Artajo on February 2nd, this very reliable source said.

The United States conditions were: 1. Greater liberalization of the Spanish economy. 2. Greater liberalization of political life. 3. Greater freedom of the press and individual expression and thought.

This source said the conference left no pertinent questions unanswered and Culbertson especially was frank and pulled no punches.

Culbertson made it clear that no real material or moral aid could be expected from the United States unless the severity of the Spanish military courts trying individuals charged with opposing the Government by peaceful means such as propaganda leaflets and speeches were not only considerably lessened but replaced by civil tribunals.

Culbertson added (according to our source) that military courts were justified only in cases where violence or arms or explosives were used or contemplated against the security of the state.

As for the "liberalization" of economy it was understood that Culbertson said that the United States did not like the present system of vertical syndicates in industry and trade.

Concerning the freedom of the Press and expression, the source said Culbertson suggested that the press should be allowed to publish all kinds of stories, both favourable and unfavourable to the Government; greater criticism of Government ventures; and that citizens should be permitted to air their political opinions freely without fear of arrest.

When individuals were arrested in such cases, Culbertson said, formal charges should be preferred within 72 hours in accordance with the Spanish bill of rights; they should not be kept in jail for periods often exceeding one or two years.

The source said that at the termination of the conference it was perfectly clear that Spain's chances of enjoying American material assistance are intimate, related to the slow but steady fulfillment of these terms.

Individual Deals
The source said that only this way will it be possible for Spain to participate in the Marshall Plan. The source remarked that five nations participating in the Marshall Plan—Sweden, Ireland, Turkey, Holland and Switzerland—recently signed trade agreements with Spain, while France and Britain are at present negotiating theirs and the relations between Portugal and Spain are excellent in all aspects.

The source said that individually, therefore, members of the European recovery programme are willing to deal with Spain while they refuse to do so collectively.

De Valera In Difficulties

Dublin, Feb. 14. Eire's Labour Party, which has 14 members in the newly elected Parliament, today decided to oppose Premier Eamon de Valera when he comes up for re-election next Wednesday.

Six of the 12 independent deputies today also decided against de Valera, whose Fianna Fail Party no longer commands an absolute majority in the Dail.

Some observers tonight thought that the Opposition might rally a majority of three in the Parliament of 147 members against de Valera, Sean A. Costello, a former Attorney General, has been named a possible candidate for the Premiership.—Reuter.

MOROCCANS FIRED ON BY SPANIARDS

Lake Success, Feb. 13. The Committee for the Freedom of North Africa, representative of the Moorish Nationalist groups, today appealed to Dr. Trygve Lie, Secretary General of the United Nations, to bring the "Spanish Moroccan dispute" before the Security Council as a threat to world peace.

The Committee relayed the following message to Dr. Lie from the Spanish Moroccan Nationalist Party:

"Once more the Moroccan people appeal to the United Nations, requesting immediate intervention to save them from the Spanish colonial yoke. Yesterday, Spanish armed forces attacked peaceful demonstrators in Tetuan. The number of victims was heavy, and hundreds were imprisoned."

"The Spanish authorities deny the means to convey this appeal. The continuance of the present deplorable situation in Morocco will inevitably lead to a national rebellion which will endanger international peace and security in that part of the world."

"The Committee for the Freedom of North Africa requests the Secretary General to bring the Spanish Moroccan dispute before the Security Council, in accordance with Article 39 of the Charter."

The Committee added: "Oppression of the peace-loving people of Morocco is a matter of international concern and does not pertain exclusively to the so-called national jurisdiction of Spain."

Marital Law
Spanish troops fired on Moorish Nationalists on Sunday last in the town of Tetuan. Martial law was proclaimed, but calm was restored after the Nationalist leader, Abdel Khalak Torres, appealed to his followers to avoid provocation.

Abdel Torres is leader of the National Reform Party which seeks complete independence for Morocco. He arrived at Tangiers from the United States last month after presenting memoranda on conditions in French and Spanish Morocco to the United Nations, but was refused permission to enter the Spanish Zone.

The demonstration which led to the Spanish troops firing on the Moors was caused by this ban on his entry.

The question of Morocco's independence is due for discussion by the Arab League, now in session in Cairo.

Abd El Krim, former Riff warrior, who was exiled by the French for 21 years after leading the 1926 revolt in French Morocco, recently discussed the question with Riad El Solh Boy, Chairman of the Arab League Political Committee.—Reuter.

U.S. Defence Plans Announced

Washington, Feb. 14. The U.S. Defence Secretary, James V. Forrestal, today announced plans to meet the threat of atom bombs, guided missiles and bacteria war with the National Civil Defence Organization. Forrestal received his authority from President Truman.

He acted on recommendations of an Army Board report that warned of the dangers of attack on the United States.

In the event of "another war," the Board found that "widespread destruction can be anticipated in industrial areas and centres of population. The populace should be organized into small groups under leaders and trained in fire fighting, rescue and first aid."

To carry out this aim, Forrestal said that new civil defence organizations will reach into every level fibre of the American life. He said he will appoint a head soon for the new civil defence agency which will operate within his Department. This agency will take over the task of planning civil defence. The civilian director will receive \$10,000 a year.

Recommendations
The Army Civil Defence Board headed by Maj. Gen. Harold R. Bull recommended:

1. — Self-defence be taught to every citizen.
2. — Mutual aid between citizens, groups, cities, counties, states and the National Government.
3. — Organized mobile reserve units for fire fighting, atom damage control, first aid and bacteriological warfare control.

The plan will not go into effect except in an emergency.—United Press

Sun Fo Will Not Stand

Nanking, Feb. 15. Dr. Sun Fo, Vice President of the Chinese Republic, today ended speculation about whether he would seek to retain that post in the election by the National Assembly, with an announcement that he does not intend to run.

Dr. Sun made the announcement at Taipei and said in a press conference that one of the purposes of his visit to Taiwan is to find out, on the spot, whether foreign correspondents' reports about disorder and a potential rebellion in the island are correct. He said he believed these reports were groundless.—United Press.

Army Mission in Greece

London, Feb. 15. The War Office announces that Major-General F. E. Down, G.O.C. British troops in Greece, has been appointed Commander of the British Military Mission to Greece with effect from next March.

Major-General Down, former Commander of the British Fourth Division at Salonika, took over from Lieutenant-General R. N. Crawford as G.O.C. British troops in Greece when the latter was appointed Deputy Chief of the Imperial General Staff last year.—Reuter.

Chinese Illegal Entry

Singapore, Feb. 15. The Malayan police last week detained 150 illegal Chinese immigrants who had landed from Chinese junks at uninhabited places on the east coast of Malaya.

The police in Trengganu State held 100 at Chukla on Thursday and the Penang police yesterday detained 49 who had landed near Kuantan.

At the moment, monsoons are favouring junks sailing from Chinese ports to Malaya and immigration authorities are intensifying precautions against large-scale landing attempts.—Reuter.

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URANIUM FROM KWANGSI

Nanking, Feb. 15. A sample of Kwangsi uranium ore sent to the United States for study by American scientists was found to contain 1.58 per cent thorium and .6 per cent uranium, it was revealed today.

Uranium deposits in Kwangsi Province were first discovered by a Chinese Government geologist, Nan Yen-tung, who will shortly lead another expedition to Kwangsi to survey vital deposits. The expedition is sponsored by the National Resources Commission.—United Press.

Eisenhower's Grim Final Report

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"The military programme must be aimed at the 'development of a military establishment able to defend the continental United States and its base periphery against attack, to strike an immediate retaliatory blow and destroy if possible the enemy's bases of attack and sources of armed power, and to contain the enemy's main forces while organising the strength to disorganise or heavily damage his main base.'"

His ideas on atomic warfare were:

Atomic Warfare
"At this writing, there appears to be no possible defence against the atomic bomb once it is released in a target area. But there are factors inherent in the employment of this as of any other weapon that limit its effectiveness."

"First of these is the number of bombs available for use. 'An immense stockpile would be required to obliterate our war potential or that of any other major power.'"

"The second factor is the distance to be traversed from base to target. Each mile added to its flight reduces the accuracy of a projectile and increases the vulnerability of a carrier."

"The third is the factor of the vehicle, aerial or naval, that moves to bomb against the target. No vehicle long remains immune to effective counter action."

Basic Plan
On national defence, the General said "the army supports the theory that air power occupies a dominant position in modern warfare and with proper ground and sea support it may batter an enemy into readiness to quit a war.... But the basic to any plan.... is the crowding forward of land bases seized and occupied by powerful ground forces."

Eisenhower repeated his support of the universal military training programme for American youth now being discussed in Congress.

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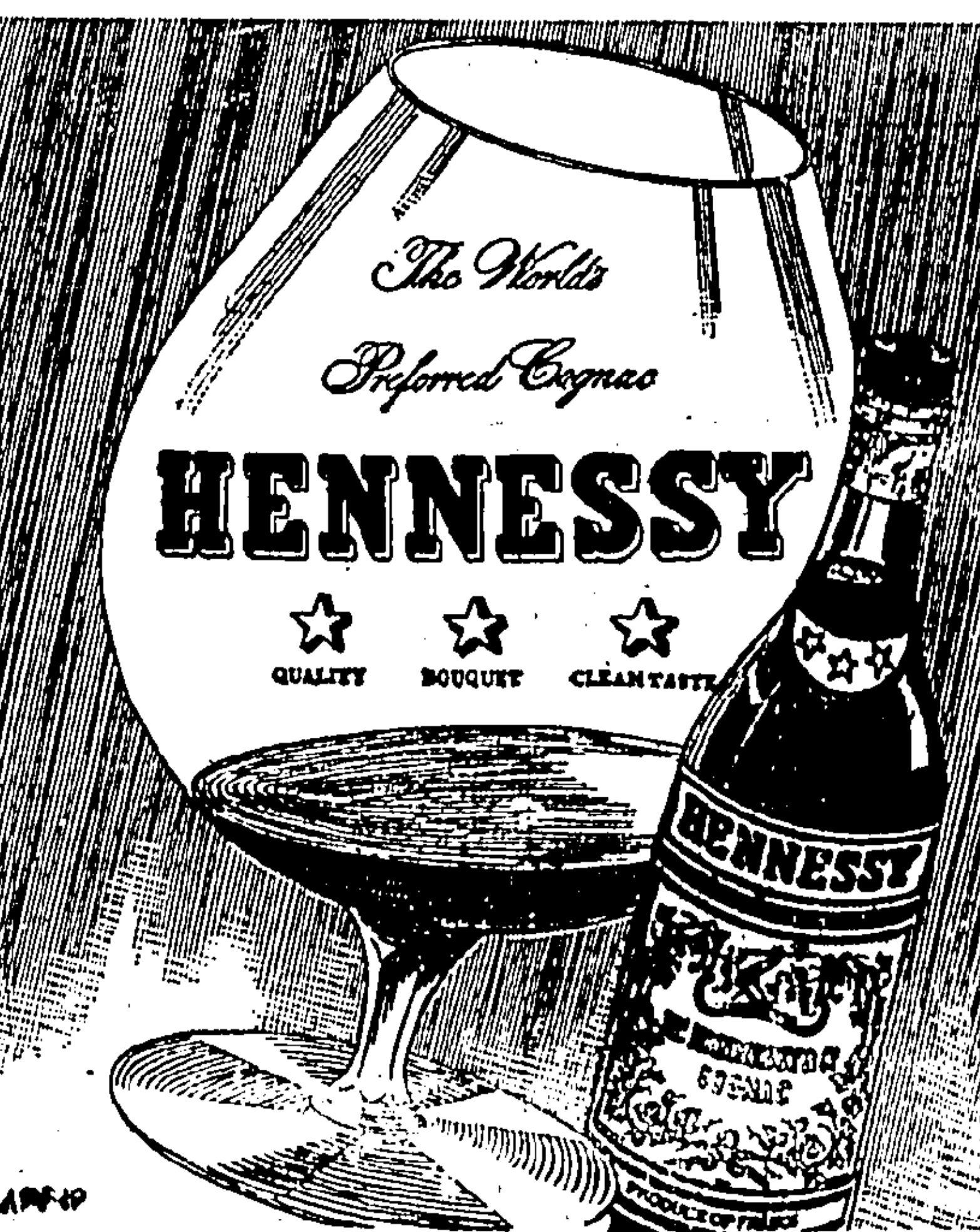
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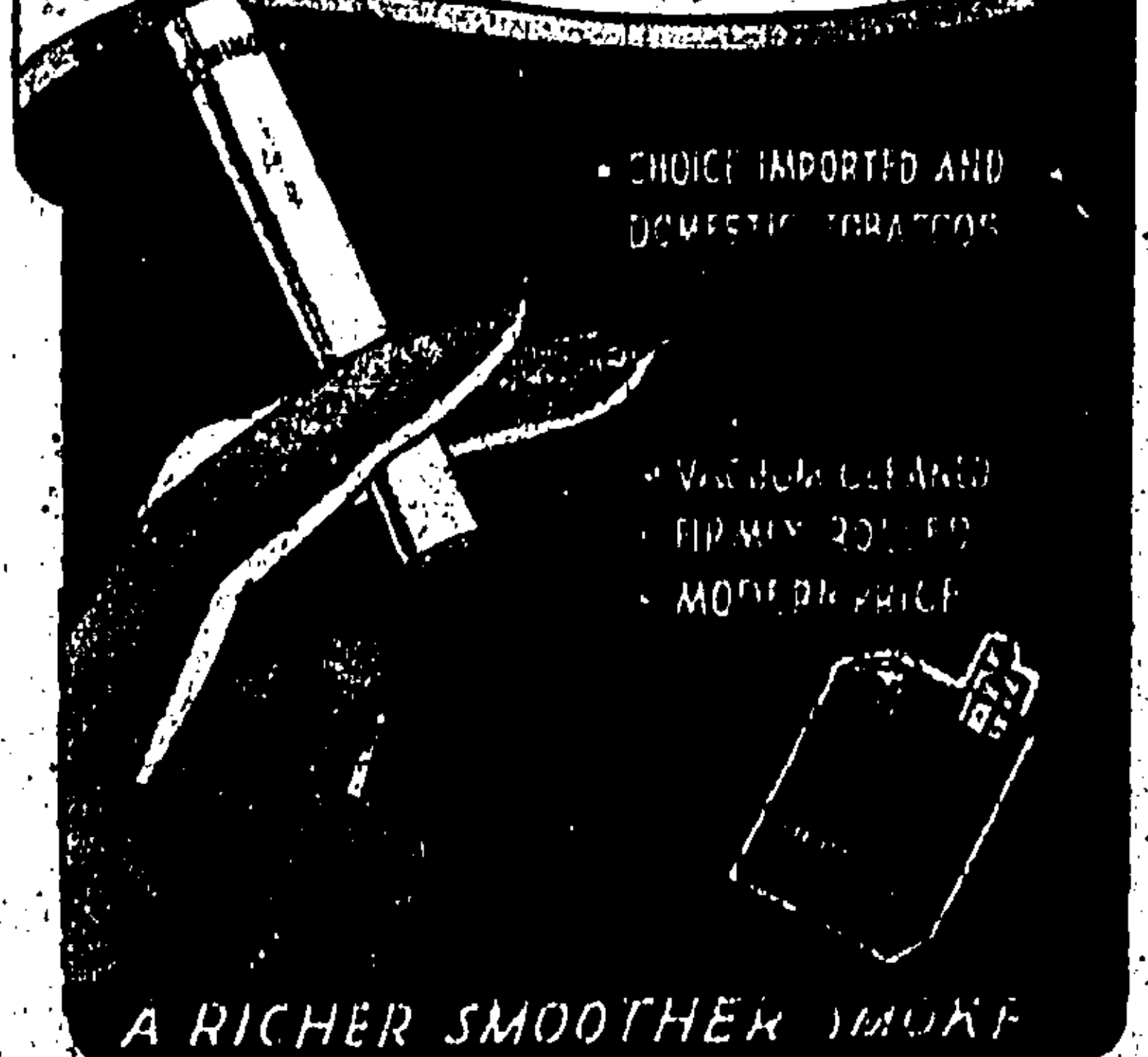
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March, 1948.

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obtained at the Secretary's
Office, 1st Floor, Exchange
Building.

By Order,

S. A. SLEAP,
Actg. Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th Feb., 1948.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry
Forms for the Second Extra
Race Meeting to be held on
Saturday, 28th February, 1948
(weather permitting) may be
obtained at the Secretary's
Office, Exchange Building; the
Club House, Happy Valley;
and the Stables, Shan Kwong
Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock
NOON on Thursday, 19th
February, 1948.

By Order,

S. A. SLEAP,
Actg. Secretary.

RUGBY LEAGUE CUP RESULTS

London, Feb. 14.

Rugby League Cup. First
Round second leg was:
Belle Vue Rangers 10 Liver-
pool Stanley 8, the latter elimi-
nated.

Bradford Northern 15 Hud-
dersfield 2, the latter elimi-
nated. Buntingford Vale 2 St.
Helen's 13, the former elimi-
nated.

Castleford 7 Wigan 19, the
former eliminated.

Dewsbury 10 Raley 4, the
latter eliminated.

Hullfax 17 Barrow 4, the
latter eliminated.

Hunslet 5 Widnes 3, after ex-
tra time aggregate eight
goals to be replayed next
Thursday.

Lough 10 Featherstone Rovers
6, the latter eliminated.

Oldham 22 Hull Kingston
Rovers 4, the latter eliminated.

Pemberton Rovers 0 Rochdale
 Hornets 11, the former elimi-
nated.

Shefflow and Gillhead 10
Keeleby 2, the latter elimi-
nated.

Swinton 12 Hull 2, the latter
eliminated.

Vine Tavern 6 Bramley 17
(first leg was abandoned
last week, being replayed next
Saturday).

Wakefield Trinity 20 Salford
15, after extra time, the latter
eliminated.

York 0 Leeds 13, the former
eliminated.

Workington Town 0 Warring-
ton 7, the former eliminated.—
Reuter.

Rugby Union

London, Feb. 14.

Rugby Union club-match re-
sults:

London Hospital 0 Staged 3.

Old Merchant Taylors 8
London Welsh 21.

Richmond 5 Blackheath 27.

St. Bart's Hospital 8 Penzance
and Newlyn 24.

St. Thomas Hospital 30 Alder-
shot Services 0.

Barnet 3 Exeter 0.

Bedford 25 Old Cranleighans
3.

Birkenhead Park 5 Coventry
12.

Birmingham 9 Royal Air
Force 6.

Bridgewater and Albion 10
Taunton 0.

Bristol 6 Oxford University 0.

Cardiff 41 Plymouth Albion
0.

Cheltenham 11 Middlesex
Hospital 8.

Clifton 17 Lydney 9.

Cross Keys 12 Pontypool 3.

Devonport Services 0 United
Services Portsmouth 8.

Gloucester 15 Bath 0.

Heath 5 Llanelli 0.

Newbridge 9 Bridgend 9.

Newport 32 Leicester 6.

Northampton 0 Pontypool 9.

Penarth 11 Aberystwyth 3.

Redruth 3 Plymouth 0.

Rugby 3 Nantonn 9.

Sale 22 Manchester 3.

Swansea 6 Aberystwyth 0.

Torquay Athletic 18 Weston
Super Mare 3.

Waterloo 8 Universities Athle-
tic Union 3.

Edinburgh University 3 Wat-
sonians 6.

Glasgow Academicals 0
Heriots Former Pupils 4.

Glasgow High School Former
Pupils 6 Kelvinside West 8.

Old Paulings 3 Slaves 14.

Macest 24 Mountain Ash 12.
—Reuter.

Grand National Form Shocks

Leopardstown, Feb. 14.

Mr. W. J. Purcell's rank out-
sider, "Summer Star," by
"Exeter" out of a "English Sum-
mer," won the Leopardstown
Chase over three miles here to-
day from a field which included
six Irish candidates for the
Aintree Grand National.

Carrying a bottomweight of
nine stones seven pounds,
"Summer Star," the only mare
in the race, beat "Lough Conn,"
second in last year's Grand
National, by seven lengths, with
"Arranbeg" third five lengths
away of 15 runners.

"Caughoo," winner of last
year's Grand National, was
unplaced.

"Cottage Rake," Ireland's
leading challenger for the Chel-
tenham Gold Cup, who carried
topweight of 12 stones seven
pounds, started a 5-4 favourite,
but fell.

"Fear Cruaid," who is well
fancied for the Aintree event,
was in the rear for most of the
journey but finished strongly
to take fifth place.

The winner started at 50 to
one, "Lough Conn" at six to one
and "Arranbeg" at five to one
—Reuter.

Ireland's Victory At Twickenham

London, Feb. 14.

Taking full advantage of costly English defensive
lapses, Ireland won a thrill-packed game at
Twickenham today before a crowd of 60,000
by a goal and two tries (11 points) to two
goals (10 points) and on their display Ireland
stand a fine chance of winning the Interna-
tional Rugby Union championship.

It was Ireland's second suc-
cessive triumph on the Twicken-
ham ground, the first being
eight years ago.

Ireland, as expected, showed
a marked advantage in the set
pieces where their young cap-
tain, C. Mullen, gained the bet-
ter of his hooking duels with
Hedderston.

England failed because their
backs did not mark closely. Too
often the Irish quarter-backs
were allowed, time in which to
develop their attacks.

All the Irish pack played
superbly. England's new full-
back, Uren, kicked a fine
length but his fielding did not
always inspire confidence.

Callan, Kyle and McKay
scored tries for Ireland with B.
Mullan converting the first.

Guest scored England's two
tries, both of which Uren con-
verted.—Reuter.

Taft Sticks Out On ERP

Denver, Colo., Feb. 14.

Senator Robert Taft, Re-
publican candidate for the
Presidency, declared today
that \$5,300,000,000 proposed
as the initial American
contribution to European
aid in the draft bill an-
nounced by the Senate For-
eign Relations Committee
last night, was "too large."

Senator Taft, who heads
the Senate Republican
Policy Committee, told
newsmen that he expects
an open debate on the aid
legislation in Congress to
bring a reduction of the
amount proposed by the
Senate Committee.—Reuter.

Coal Output Competition

London, Feb. 15.

The Scottish miners are main-
taining the lead in the national
coal output competition for the
Mitchell Hedges Trophy.

By scoring 55 points for the
week ending Jan. 31, the Scot-
tish Division now have reached
the total of 959 points.

Britain's smallest coalfield,
Kent, has moved to second
place, with a total of 737 points.
The Southwestern Division
(South Wales, Monmouthshire,
Somerset and Forest Dean) have
dropped to third place with 688
points.—Reuter.

The Doctors' Plebiscite

London, Feb. 15.

The doctors' plebiscite to de-
cide their attitude towards the
National Health Service Act
finished yesterday. The count-
ing staff will now deal with the
voting forms received yesterday
on Monday when accountants
will make their final calcula-
tions.

The figures will be kept secret
until placed before members of
the British Medical Association
Council, which will be meeting
next Wednesday.—Reuter.

GOLDSMITHS GO BACK TO WORK

Shanghai, Feb. 15.

Fifty-eight local goldsmiths re-
opened yesterday following the
approval of the Social Affairs
Bureau but no actual transactions
took place because of lack of a
suitable price scale.

These goldsmiths, after one
year's suspension of business be-
cause of the Government's emer-
gency economic regulations ban-
ning transactions in gold and
foreign currencies, resumed ac-
tivities on the basis that for every
ounce of gold they sell they
will pay NC\$500,000 to the
Social Affairs Bureau as mis-
cellaneous fees.

Thirty-eight other goldsmiths
are expected to reopen later this
month.—Reuter.

EX-PREMIER GIVEN FREEDOM

Baghead, Feb. 15.

Salih Jabur, ex-Premier of
Iraq, who resigned after his
Cabinet had rejected the Anglo-
Iraqi Portsmouth Treaty, left for
Cairo yesterday in an Iraqi Air-
ways plane.

The Government allowed him
to go, after it had been reported
that the ex-Premier would not
be able to leave Iraq pending in-
vestigation of the use of machine-
guns against demonstrators at
the time of the treaty disorders.
—Reuter.

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THE U.S.A. AND PALESTINE

Mr. Marshall Answers Some Questions

Britain Responsible For Peace And Order

Washington, Feb. 14.

The United States Government did not know what steps were necessary to carry out the partition of Palestine, Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, said here today.

The United States Government, he added, also has no information indicating that British arms deliveries to the Arabs had "interfered" with the United Nations partition decision. These statements were made in a letter to 30 Congressmen who had asked a series of questions of the Secretary of State.

Mr. Marshall's reply was published by the Republican representative, Mr. Jacob Javits. The Congressman had asked if it were true Britain was allowing the continued arms shipments to the Arab nations and, if so, did this interfere with the carrying out of the partition?

Mr. Marshall quoted a British Government announcement in Parliament 10 days ago that they had no reason to suppose material supplied to the Arabs under treaties for arms purchases would be used in Palestine.

To a question whether the activities of Arab nations in their announced violent resistance to the United Nations decision endangered international peace, Mr. Marshall replied:

"There have, thus far, been no overt acts which, in the decision of the Security Council, have been determined to endanger the maintenance of international peace and security in the terms of the United Nations Charter."

Mr. Marshall added that Britain remained responsible for peace and security in Palestine. Another question was what would be the instructions of the United States to its United Nations delegate on the questions referred by the United Nations Palestine Commission to the Security Council regarding the means for making effective the General Assembly's decision on Palestine?

No Instructions

Mr. Marshall replied: "In the absence of knowledge as to the contents of the Palestine Commission's next report, it has been impossible to formulate instructions."

Asked finally what the United States was prepared to do to help implement partition, Mr. Marshall said that while it had been working on the legal and economic aspects, "it is not possible for this Government to determine in advance the steps which may be necessary for carrying out" the partition decision.

This could not be done until the Security Council had studied the Commission's report.

Zionist Meeting

Eight hundred delegates flocked into Washington today to attend a special meeting of the American Zionist Emergency Council, which will tomorrow start a debate on the United States Government's alleged

"inertia" towards the United Nations Palestine partition plan. A preliminary statement defining the Council's attitude said:

"Although the need for an international force to implement the Palestine decision is clearly indicated and has been recommended by the United Nations Palestine Commission, no positive declaration on these vital issues has been made by our Government."

"The United States has failed to act with strength and conviction," Reuter.

Europe To Need More Aid Very Soon

Washington, Feb. 14.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee's formula for reducing the initial Marshall Plan appropriations may, if adopted by Congress, mean a 20 per cent cut to the 16 European nations and western Germany in their dollar allocations under the plan.

The Committee unanimously voted last night to cut the first instalment of aid funds by \$1,500 million and limited the period of its expenditure to one year.

Under this scheme, Britain would get approximately \$1,364 million instead of the \$1,760 million originally estimated.

Similar cuts would be made in other appropriations for the remaining 15 nations and Western Germany.

Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Chairman of the Committee, stressed, however, that the cut in the funds did not represent an actual reduction in the original State Department estimates, which contained the same \$5,300 million figure for the plan's first year expenditure starting on April 1.

"Improvement"

President Truman had asked for \$6,800 million for the first year and a quarter but Senator Vandenberg claimed this bill was "wholly in keeping with the basic concepts of the original formula and is really a great improvement in many critical respects."

While the House of Representatives may make further attempts to cut the aid dollar under the Plan, there is considerable hope that the Vandenberg formula will eventually emerge intact.—Reuter.

Need For Speed

Washington, Feb. 15.

Congress may face an urgent demand for more stopgap European aid unless the Mar-

Truman Wants To Know Why

Washington, Feb. 14.

President Truman today ordered his Council of Economic Advisors to conduct an investigation into the recent drop in commodity and security markets, and attempt to evaluate its real significance.

The Council, under the chairmanship of Dr. Edwin G. Nourse, will hold a series of six conferences with representatives of industry, labour, farming and consumers.—Reuter.

BENELUX AND LONDON

London, Feb. 14.

Britain, France and the United States have agreed that the question of how the Benelux powers should be associated with the work of the London conference on Germany shall be point one of the conference agenda.

This decision follows the receipt of the French comments on the draft agenda for the tripartite conference, which is due to open on February 19.—Reuter.

Germany A 'Sham Democracy'

Munich, Feb. 14.

Dr. Friedrich Schnepfer, the former Premier of Bavaria, who was recently allowed to return to politics after being banned by the American authorities for favouring nationalism and militarism and obstructing denazification, declared today that the Government of Germany was a "sham democracy".

Addressing a meeting of the Christian Social Union, of which he was later elected leader, Dr. Schnepfer said: "Nothing has happened in Germany since 1945 by the will of the German people—all important decisions have been imposed by the occupying powers."

"Relations of confidence between the occupying powers and Germany cannot be established on a pattern of relations between a colonial power and its natives",—Reuter.

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We also wish to thank the Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall, Bishop of Hong Kong, and the Venerable A. P. Rose, Dean of the Cathedral for their great kindness and for the impressive service held in St. John's Cathedral.

RUSSIA AND THE WEST

Relations between the Western Powers and Soviet Russia may be expected to deteriorate still further during the next six months. That seems to be the hard fact that must be faced. It is extremely unlikely that they will be able to arrive at any form of agreement on the post-war peace settlements in the foreseeable future. That is the natural conclusion to be drawn from the first premise.

Nevertheless, neither means that the door will be finally slammed. There do exist hopes—which are probably echoed in Moscow—that an easing of differences may make itself apparent within a year's time, though it may well be several years more before the Powers can meet around a table and settle all outstanding points.

The crucial factor would appear to be the success or failure of the Marshall Plan and the Bevin Plan, the former for the economic recovery of Europe, the latter for the breaking down of its political and economic barriers. The Marshall Plan is not expected to stabilise European economy until near the end of the estimated 4-year period; the Bevin Plan has yet to be discussed.

That Mr. George Marshall himself realises the inter-dependence of the two plans is shown by the speech he made at Des Moines, Iowa, on Friday night, when he publicly endorsed Mr. Bevin's appeal for some form of "Western European Union." His remarks can be expected to accelerate and encourage the efforts of the European Powers to break down the barriers between them and achieve that stability and unity so badly needed. This, in turn, will revive speculation as to whether or not, if such a Western European Union is formed, the United States would consider favourably a proposal for some form of military alliance.

It is unlikely that the initiative for such a proposal would come from Washington, but American encouragement of Western European countries in resisting Soviet Communist pressure makes it equally unlikely that an approach would meet with a strong rebuff. American foreign policy today takes the line that if Europe is not assisted along the road to an early recovery—say, by 1952 or 1953—the Russians will consolidate their hold on Eastern Europe and try to gain control of the whole continent. The United States has committed itself to a policy of encouraging the European countries to resist Soviet pressure.

As to the future, the Americans seem resigned to seeing relations with Russia via the Western Powers grow worse during the coming months. The early success of such stabilising factors as the Marshall and Bevin Plans, however, may well bring about an improvement in the situation.

For some days now, there have been rumours of "peace

Westerners are sometimes tempted to criticise the outlook of people in the Orient. No true friend of the Eastern world will shrink the fact that profound and far-reaching changes must come about in the social and economic structure if the latent talents of its peoples are to be given the opportunity they deserve, and if the Eastern world is to play the leading part in our global community that many thinkers foresee. A philosophy of peace does not necessarily imply a blind conviction in material things. All that is true. But it is also true that Western observers are far from being the only ones to have seen the East with a critical eye. The East's own thinkers are only too acutely aware of existing shortcomings. In their readiness to criticise, moreover, Westerners sometimes fail to see quite surprising advances in Eastern countries.

One could think of several examples. To take just one, however, it is worth noting that Egypt can claim to have specimens of town-planning, not at all unworthy of being copied by Western countries. In Cairo you have the exquisite Garden City, the self-contained community of Heliopolis, the planned development of the eastern bank of the Nile, and the even more brilliantly thought out schemes of the Egyptian Delta Land Company for Maadi. These town-planning developments in Egypt's capital are important because during the 12 or so years the country's population has been increasing by leaps and bounds. The advent of World War II naturally brought a considerable movement of people from the villages to the towns and from the smaller towns to the capital, so that Cairo now numbers over two million souls.

100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

The following paragraph was copied from the "Singapore Free Press." We can readily believe the statement, and can add that it is not likely Captain Brooke ever will buy land from the British Government.

That gentleman made a short stay at Hong Kong last year, when he probably learned that land purchases had turned up nothing but *tramps* to the colonists of this island; in many conversations with parties here, his ears must have witnessed to him that the Colonists believed that in their trustfulness they had been duped to a degree by the bureaucracy of the Colonial Office.

"We are authorised by Captain Brooke to deny the statement copied by the 'Straits Times' from the 'Daily News,' that he was a purchaser of land in Labuan. Captain Brooke has neither directly nor indirectly bought any lots of land in this settlement."

Stolen, between the hours of 8 and 9 p.m., from the house of Mr. Carr, Gough Street, a French clock, an entrance effected through the window, and unhooking the venetian blind, the owner being at home at the time. Also stolen, since Saturday, from the storeroom of Messrs. Smith & Brimelow, 4 Messias Street, a quantity of chintz, robbery effected by means of a fish-hook on the end of a bamboo, inserted through a broken pane of glass.

feeling" being put out by the Russians in an effort to end the "cold war." These reports have not been confirmed and the present indications are that they are simply the product of "wishful thinking." Nonetheless, the fact that someone is indulging in such "wishful thinking" is not wholly unencouraging.

Should the plans for European recovery show signs later in the year of attaining eventual success, it is possible that thinking may give way to practical action. Should they fail, Russian efforts to dominate the European scene may be expected to increase.

As General Eisenhower pointed out on Sunday, it may be a generation or more before nations learn how to live in peace. If they can only learn from repeated experience, then the next war should be enough to convince them.

By William Banks

and takes as if it will go on growing. How easy it might have been for this unique city to have had its charm marred by unrestricted ribbon-development on its periphery such as has been giving sleepless nights to so many municipal authorities in the West.

Something Must Be Done

Of course it is only fair to note that by Western standards, Cairo is not by any means a giant capital. Its planning problems, for instance, are much easier than those of London. London's 8,301,401 inhabitants represent over half of the population of Egypt, and every month they are swelled by a further 40,000. Already about one in every four families in the United Kingdom live in London. If one takes into account the vast damage inflicted by bombers, rockets and flying bombs in World War II—with the consequent shortage of accommodation—it becomes clear that something must be done if this monstrous swelling is not to damage Britain's national life.

The fact that action was necessary has been seen for some years. But for generations the rights of private enterprise to operate with the minimum of restriction has been a doctrine sacred in Britain that little more than discussion emerged. The upshot is that you have a comparatively small central district almost entirely devoted to shops, business premises and places of entertainment surrounded by many square kilometres of residential suburbs, few of which have adequate facilities for communal life within easy reach of the citizen's home.

Profound Change

But during World War II the mood of Britain's people underwent a profound change. Many of them came to the conclusion that once the fighting came to an end there were a great many things in their country which needed putting right. It was, therefore, opportune that in 1942 the world-famous British architect, Sir Patrick Abercrombie, was commissioned to outline the new well-known plan for the development of the area known as Greater London—the central part of the capital together with its outer suburbs.

Since the Abercrombie Plan was published in 1942, it has been examined by Government departments, municipal authorities, technical experts of various kinds and the representatives of interests affected by its proposals. Such a comprehensive examination has inevitably brought with it alterations to the plan in many details. But fundamentally it rests on the

same main principles first set out by Sir Patrick Abercrombie—though his estimate of 10 years as the time required to put it into effect must seem optimistic in the light of the Government's decision to put capital expenditure for the time being.

Broadly speaking the Abercrombie Plan aims to discourage the further growth of industry and population in the London area and to provide for their better distribution. More specifically this means moving about a million—and a quarter of the population to brand-new "satellite" towns about 60 kilometres from London's centre. These satellite towns will have a maximum population of 60,000 each and will be self-contained communities with their own industries, shops and facilities for recreation. The original plan had envisaged 10 such satellites, but for various reasons six of the proposed sites were found to be unsuitable and have been discarded. Services—such as water supplies or communications—were found in some cases to be unsuitable. In others the spot chosen was too near other centres of development, with the consequent danger of coalescence: if two satellites were to merge their whole purpose would be lost.

The Green Belt

One of the results of these amendments to the original plan is that it has become necessary to envisage limited inroads into what is known as the Green Belt. It should be explained that lack of planning in the London area during the last half century has enabled speculative builders to erect strings of unsightly villas along the main highways leading out of London. This has happened to such an extent that in some cases one must drive a car for fully one hour before one leaves the built-up area. Sir Patrick proposed that a halt should be called to this defacement of the English countryside and that there should be created a belt of territory running right round London where no more building should be allowed. Now it appears that a proportion of the population is to be resettled, numbering 1,670,000 people, will have to be moved into parts of the Green Belt. Fortunately, however, the area of the Green Belt is sufficiently extensive for the effect not to be too great.

These are, of course, but the salient points of the plan. It is both detailed and comprehensive, providing for location of industry, markets, future transport facilities, highways (including 10 new radial highways) and three ring roads round London, and airports. In the initial stages 150 local authorities were concerned in the plan's execution. Britain's Town and Country Planning Act reduces these to 10, thus making it much easier to co-ordinate the local needs of each area into a comprehensive whole.

These schemes have not been worked out without a good deal of argument. But now the argument is at an end and the immense task of construction and development can begin.

Americans Running Into Difficulty

New York, Feb. 9.

American efforts to improve their military position in Europe and the Middle East are running into serious difficulties.

The growth of a fiery nationalism among the Arab states, complicated by opposition to the partitioning of Palestine, has interfered with plans for a Middle Eastern entente. Traditional neutrality and an apparent desire to exact economic concessions in return for military promises mark the Dutch and Belgian reception of plans for a five-power alliance in Western Europe.

(The Dutch are so meticulous about their neutrality that in 1940, faced five days in advance with the knowledge of the impending German invasion, they nevertheless declined to ask for French and British aid in order to keep their neutral record clear.)

Sweden, trying to ride out the American-Russian storm with a Scandinavian bloc which leans neither to the right nor the left, opposes the European bloc, as likely to unbalance the pressure against her.

Embarrassed

Italy's Government has let the United States know that it is being embarrassed in its critical election campaign by the capital which Communists are making out of the presence of American fleet units in Italian waters. Obviously, on maneuvers and paying a "friendship" visit, the fleet actually represents support of the small body of U.S. troops in Trieste, and of general U.S. policy in the Mediterranean. At Trieste 5,000 Americans are present.

CARNIVAL By Dick Turner



"Do you suppose there's anything in this talk about wages being too high? I'm making so much now that I can't afford to take a day off!"

CHEN LI-FU IS MINUS AN ELECTRIC STOVE

Nanking, Feb. 9.
Chen Li-fu, Secretary General of the Kuomintang's highest policy making organ, the Central Political Council, and one of the most powerful figures in the Chinese government, is minus a stove, an electric stove.

I owe him for it. I broke it to pieces. It was an accident. And in the above fact is a story, the story of the austerity programme for China that is reaching into the homes and offices of every Chinese, from the top-ranking members of the government right on down the line.

Chen Li-fu's house is as cold as the pavements outside, and it was his efforts to make it a bit more comfortable for this correspondent and others with me that led to one owing him a stove.

Miles W. Vaughn, United Press vice-president for East Asia, Chang Kuo-sin, United Press Staff Correspondent at Nanking, and myself, were ushered into the reception room of Chen's home to wait a few minutes until he could be free to keep an appointment with us.

"Luscious Heat"

A servant brought in the electric stove, plugged it in and we immediately began to bask in the luscious heat it gave forth. We had come to Chen's home in a jeep, curtainless and entirely exposed to the near-zero weather that was emphasized by a howling snow-storm. We were shivering and shaking when we arrived.

The room was as cold as the streets through which the blizzard was raging. I sought to stand closer to the stove and succeeded in giving it a kick that sent it over on its back. Sparks flew. Heat ended. A few minutes later we were ushered into Chen's dining room.

He took us there because there was another stove there—a tiny, coal burning little affair around which we huddled with our overcoats on, while we talked. It was a simple room, the floor bare of a rug, the walls needing paint, the furniture of the plainest. It was cold.

Frigid Air

Our next call was to the office of Foreign Minister Wang Shih-chieh. As we walked into the Foreign Office building, the air that met us was as frigid as that outside. As we mounted the stairs to the fifth floor, Minister Wang's office was hardly more comfortable than Chen's dining room. Nor was it at all majestic, luxurious, elaborate office one might expect for a Cabinet Minister. It was spacious but it lacked all evidence of special privilege.

The Office of Finance Minister O. K. Yui had a stove, an electric stove, but it was not operating. The room was chilly but Minister Yui had the advantage of a warming sun that came through the western windows. Then to the office of Prime Minister Chang Chun, who also is President of the Executive Yuan. Same setting, same climate.

Little heat but lots of hot tea. It appears by magic everywhere. You cannot escape it.

Out of Action

The Information Ministry's telephones were out of service and had been for two days. The Ministry was no more able to get its service restored than would any private individual. The equipment is 10 years old and there is little that can be done for it.

Every day without fail electric service is disrupted, and when the lights go out, they pick no favourites. The Foreign Office, the Finance Ministry, any other office, is likely to be forced to bring out the candles—United Press.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

NO SENSE TO SUCH BIDS

So-called "psychic" bidding, when there is no sound logic underlying it, can inject fireworks into the game, but is more likely to singe the user than the spectators. But if you have for a partner a player addicted to the indiscriminate use of such tactics, it will pay you to keep your eyes and ears open, and do your utmost to protect the side from damage through his madness. There is no sense to some bids of that type, but they give the man across the table plenty of chance to use his thinking cap.

S. J 10 7 6 2
H. A 5 4 3
D. None
C. A Q J 9 3
S. A Q 5
H. J 10 7 2
D. 8 5
C. 7 6 4 2

S. K 9 8
H. K Q 9
D. K J 6 4 3
C. 10 5

(Dealer: North. North-South vulnerable.)

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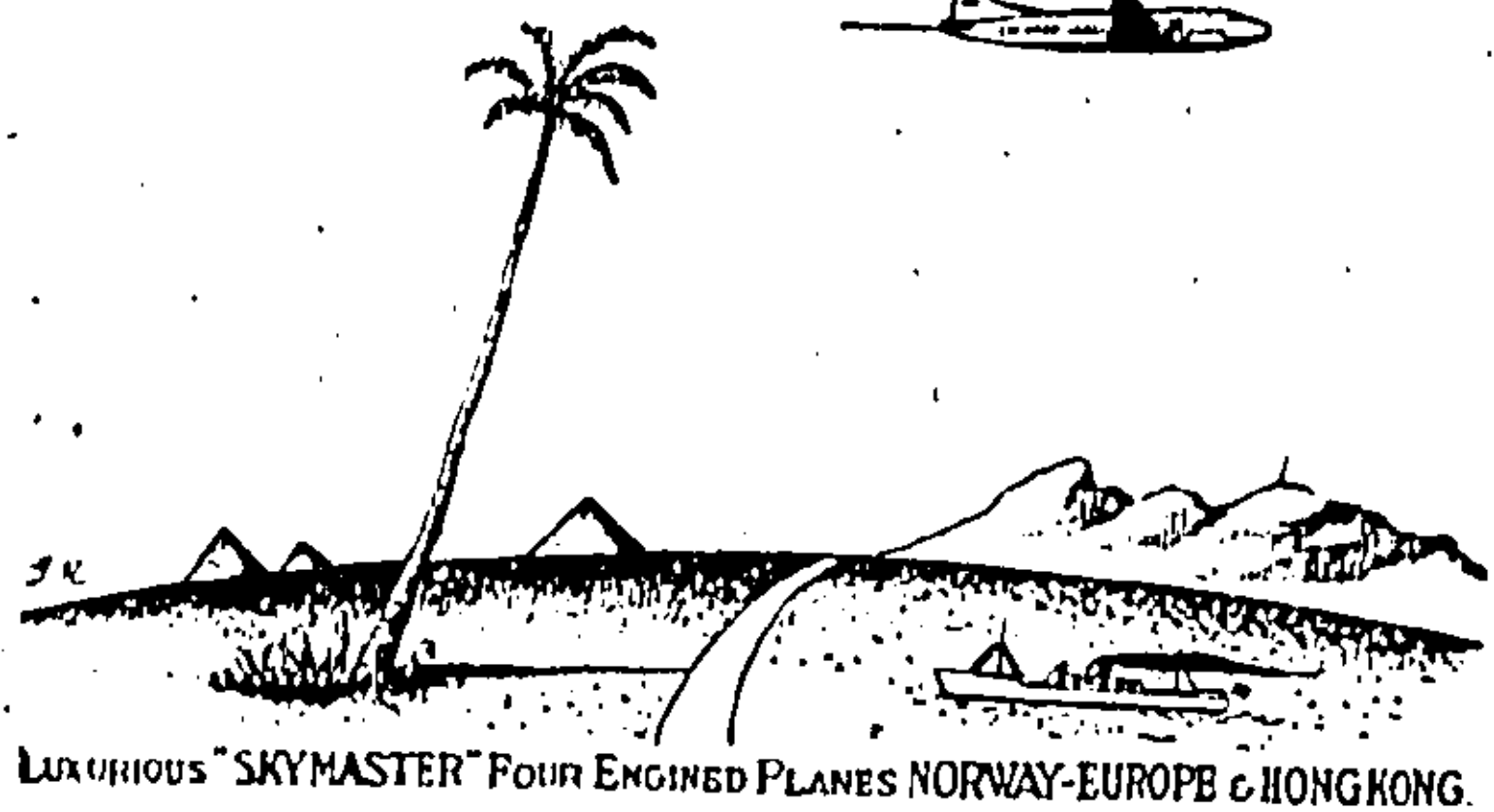
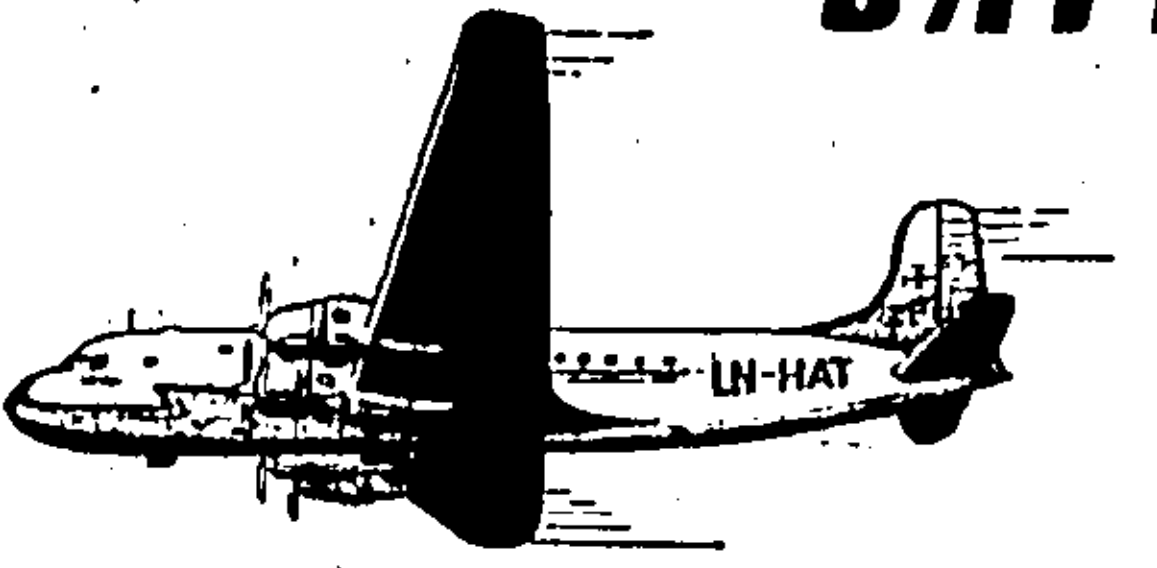
This is the deal that made North a confirmed bug on the use of psychology, as he professed on his fourth night. It was much like the experience of the racetrack devotee who won a few bets the first time he visited the track, then never was able to curb himself thereafter.

It is virtually an axiom of good bidding that, when you have two suits to bid, you show one at the first opportunity so you can complete your distributional story the next time and thereby give your partner a choice of fix. There is no kind of hand which is more loaded with danger for a wild bid of a void suit.

If West had been smart enough to pass the 6-Diamonds instead of doubling, North might have accepted the due punishment for his sin. But the double drove him in desperation to trying 6-Spades. The only smart move of the auction was South's pass of that. North was lucky enough to take all the tricks except the spade A after East led the diamond 8. Lucky? Was he really? The success on this hand, too, cost him thousands of points for indulgence in similar monkeybusiness since then.

Have you ever used any special device to keep the defenders from leading trumps or taking out a vital suit? You require for ruffing? If so, what is the device?

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Mr. Churchill Defines Some Things "We Must All Of Us Have In Common"

United Against Communism

London, Feb. 14. In a nationwide broadcast, Mr. Winston Churchill declared tonight that Britain's Government and Opposition were united in their resistance to Communism and on the broad lines of foreign policy. Mr. Churchill, who was speaking as the leader of the Conservative opposition, said that he wanted to make it clear that he was not making any proposal for a coalition government, but he wished to dwell "upon some of the things we must all of us have in common."

These were that Britain had, firstly, "none of these fundamental, constitutional cleavages, possessed by so many of the other states and nations. The overwhelming mass of the British people upholds our free democratic, parliamentary institutions and our ancient monarchy under which across the centuries they have come into being."

"Secondly," Mr. Churchill continued, "the government and opposition are united in their resistance to the Communist conspiracy and to the hateful doctrine of Communism, which have proved fatal to human rights, as we understand them, in many parts of Europe."

"Thirdly, there is general agreement between all parties except the small but venomous Communist faction, upon the broad lines of our foreign policy."

"We are working even more closely with the United States and we are all trying our best to create a united Europe in which Great Britain will play her part."

Mr. Churchill criticised the Labour Party for its decision to discourage Labour participation in the conference for a united Europe, due to be held at the Hague next May, and appealed to the Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, "whose devotion to the cause of European union is well known" not to ignore "his own responsibilities" in so large a question.

"I have been very glad to see the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, moving so steadily along these paths which I urged him to follow nearly two years ago."

"I am sorry, however, that certain elements in the Socialist ranks are trying to make the cause of a United Europe a monopoly of the Socialist Party," he went on.

The Hague conference has been welcomed by all parties, other than the Communists throughout the countries of western Europe, the Conservative leader declared.

Petty Jealousies
"When I proclaimed this idea at Zurich in September, 1946, I earnestly hoped that it might be at once all party and above party, but through their petty jealousies and internal divisions, the government is being drawn into the grave and anti-social error of trying to form an exclusive union of the Socialists of Europe."

"If Europe is to be united, it can only be through the growing sense of brotherhood among

Winnie To Make A Fighting Speech

London, Feb. 14.

The Conservative leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, will make a fighting speech in Parliament on Monday against the abolition of the 350-year-old University constituencies under the Government's new Representation of the People Bill.

With the University seats will disappear the "plural voter"—the elector who is entitled to general election votes both as a University graduate and private citizen, or as a business man and private citizen.

A curtain raiser to Mr. Churchill's speech will be provided by the appearance at the Bar of the House of Commons of two Sheriffs

of the City of London, armed with a petition from the City Corporation protesting against the curtailment of its representation in the House of Commons.

It is proposed that, instead of two City Members, as now, there shall be one, whose constituency will be merged with one of the surrounding constituencies and so will lose its individuality.

The City of London—the business heart of the capital—enjoys many centuries-old privileges, one of which is that of sending its Sheriffs to the Bar of the House of Commons. It is more than 20 years since the privilege was last exercised.

The City of London resents the proposal to disallow the business man's vote, which permitted him to go to the polls in the constituency where his business existed as well as to vote in the place where he lived.

The Labour Government is underlining the principle of "one man, one vote". The Conservatives, who support many of the provisions of the new Bill, approve this principle, but claim that the University and business men's votes could be retained by allowing those electors the choice of one or the other of their two votes.

The new Bill redraws the Parliamentary boundaries so as to reduce the number of Members of Parliament from 640 to 608, a provision of which the Conservatives approve. Opposition resentment is focussed chiefly on the abolition of the University seats, which they will point out, have never returned a Labour Member.

The Deposit
The Parliamentary candidature in Britain would be made easier in an amendment to abolish the £150 deposit, required from candidates, were accepted.

This, seems unlikely. Under the present circumstances, a candidate forfeits his deposit if he fails to poll an eighth of the total vote cast. The deposit is a protection of the public against frivolous candidates, and at the last general election the country collected nearly £225,000 in forfeited deposits.

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Prank Cost A Life

Hullfax, Feb. 14. A Hullfax Coroner's jury were told at Hullfax that two young nurses put methyl-alcohol into an empty beer bottle as a joke.

A student nurse, Elizabeth Chestnut, 21, of Belfast, died after drinking from the bottle.—Reuter.

And Love Will Find A Way

Shanghai, Feb. 14. The Russian ban forbidding Soviet citizens to marry people of other nationalities is not working well here in Shanghai, according to Russian sources. Love, they say, has won out over Soviet citizenship in at least 40 cases.

Soviet citizens who marry non-Soviet automatically lose citizenship. Of course, this has broken up a number of intended marriages in the Russian community and a number of others are teetering on the brink of indecision.

Soviet girls—most of whom were born and raised in Shanghai—are the worse offenders, according to these sources. About 40 of them have relinquished Russian citizenship to marry men from such countries as the United States, France, Australia, Canada and Norway.

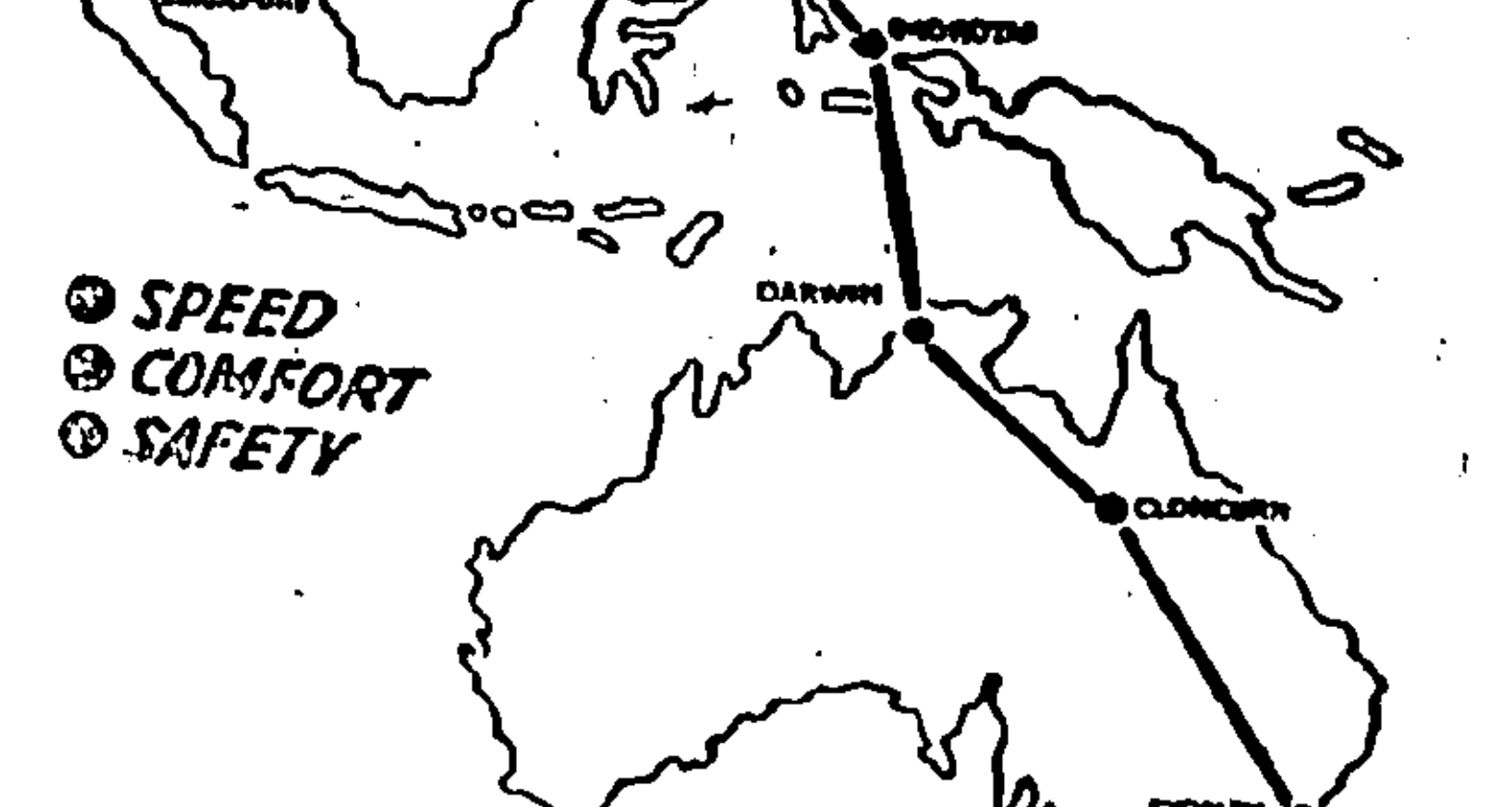
Men, it is understood, are not so fickle. These sources said a Russian sailor in Shanghai, Constantin Yakubovich, 35, has given his American fiancée a tough decision. She was reportedly Polish by birth but is now an American citizen modelling in New York.

Sources said he called her telling her that she will have to take Soviet citizenship if their marriage is to go through.—United Press.

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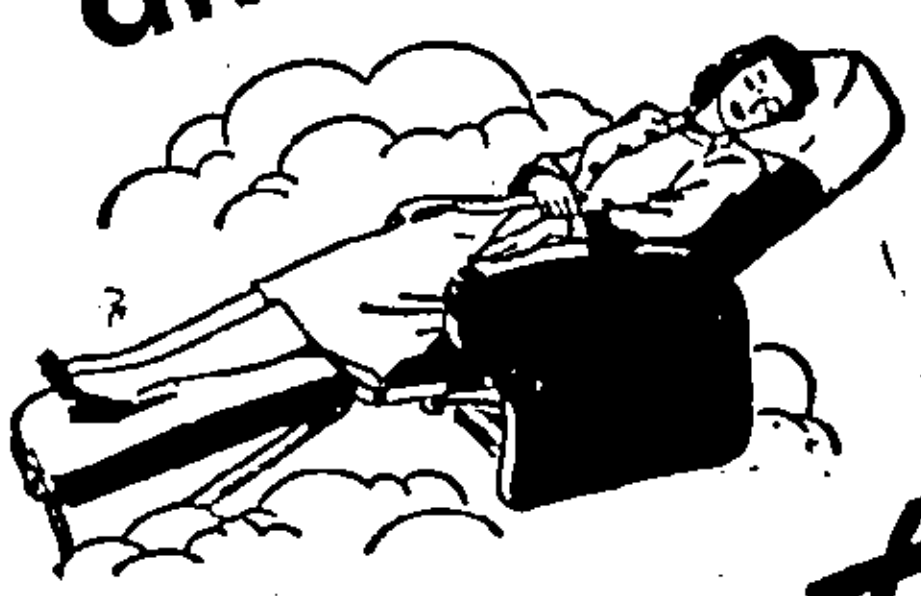
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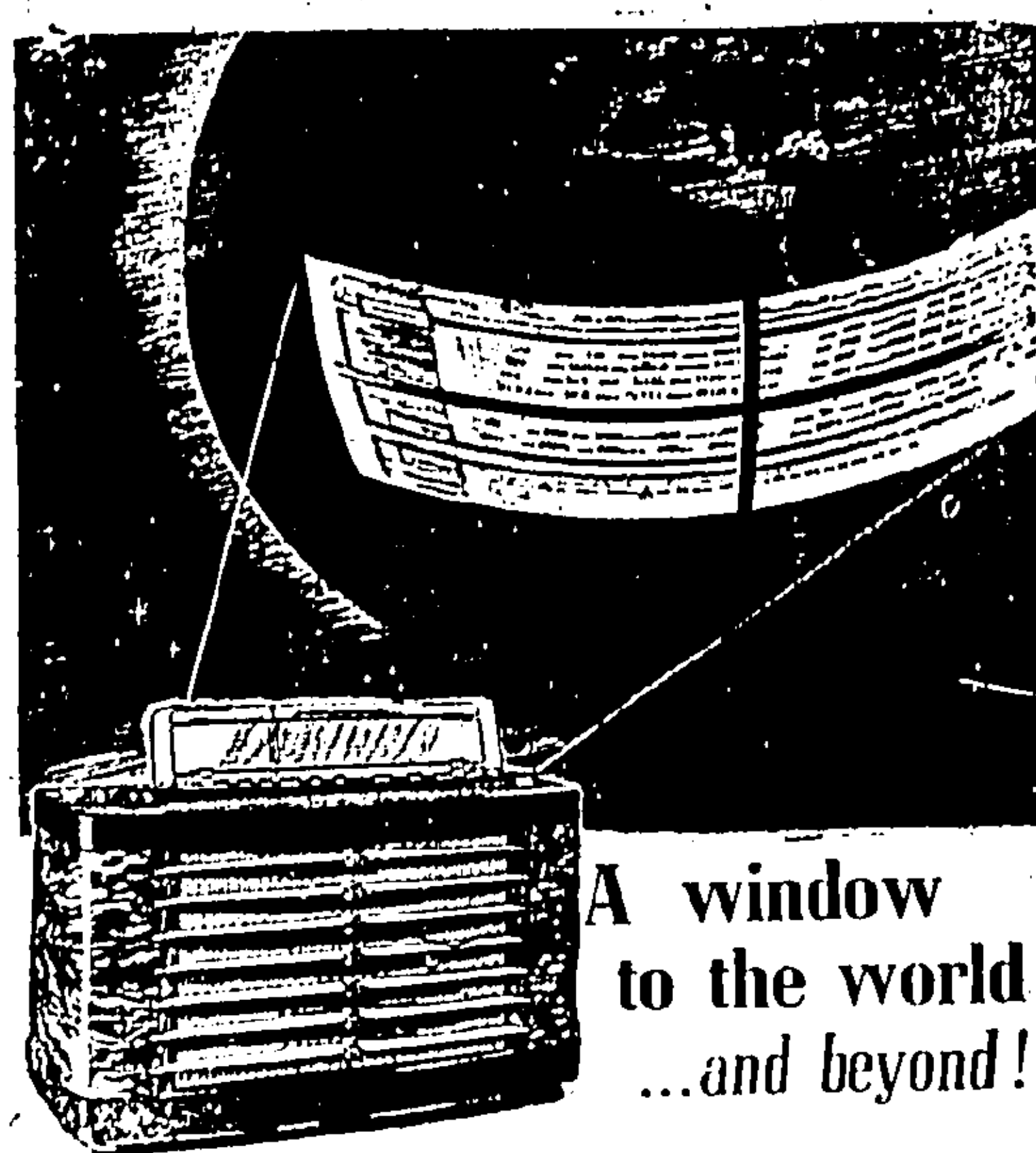
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France's "War" On Communism

Paris, Feb. 14.

A highly placed informant tonight pictured the French government's efforts to roll back prices as its second battle against international Communism.

"We are at war with international Communism," the informant, in a private conversation, said. "We won the first battle last November and December when the Communists unsuccessfully tried to provoke a general strike. Now the government is trying to halt the rise in prices, and, if possible, force them down. This is the second battle with the Communists and the government is doomed if it is lost."

The informant would not permit use of his name. Three varying estimates of price increases since December 1 have been given:

The Communist-led General Confederation of Labour (C.G.T.) 21 1/2 per cent.

The non-Communist branch of the C.G.T. 15 per cent.

The Government, 10 per cent.

The Communists are reported to be preparing a demand for a 20 per cent. wage increase based on the need of meeting higher prices. After the December test of strength with the Communists, the Government granted general wage raises to workers and promised to keep prices down, provided there were no wage hikes before June 1.

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Strikes A Form Of Sabotage

Brussels, Feb. 14.

M. Achille van Acker, Belgian Minister of Communications and acting Minister of Labour, today denounced the strikes affecting five per cent. of the country's working population as "sabotage" organized by political purposes.

"This movement is related to similar moves in neighbouring countries and was planned as sabotage of the most important public services or essential points of vital industries," he said in a communiqué.

"We have decreed civil mobilization in the gas works and power stations. All those who have not responded to this call will be summoned before the courts and prosecuted."

"As regards members of 'public services' such as the post office, those not resuming work on Monday may consider themselves dismissed."

The total number affected by the Belgian strikes today reached 140,000.

Observers here believe that the solidarity reigning among all classes of the population since the liberation is being threatened by the strikes.

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By Georgina H. Cooper

Chapter I

Chris Hunter brought the heavy sedan expertly to a stop in the driveway, hugging the big, fieldstone house. Under the late afternoon sun, Beverly Drive lay quiet in the shade of Southern California's ubiquitous palms and eucalyptus trees. One of many beautiful homes lining the exclusive residential street, the Hunter place was broad-beamed and spacious-looking and wore that air of cheerful complacency which derives from years of loving care.

Martha, the cook, waited impatiently at the side of the house as Chris pulled up. "Long distance, Mrs. Hunter?" she asked. "It's your husband—from Oregon!"

At the phone, Chris' delight at the unexpected call made her radiant. "Oh, darling, how wonderful!" she

"I just do the paper work," Larry interrupted modestly. "The rest I leave to the ladies."

Beverly Drive slept peacefully under a bright and watchful moon casting long shadows over the low-slung roof tops. In the deep, intensive quiet, Chris' footsteps emitted loud on the driveway as she made her way to the library entrance at the front of the house. Sliding the key into the lock, she heard it open with a familiar click. In the same moment, a wave of anxiety surged through her leaving, in its wake, a sudden icy terror. She trembled visibly, overwhelmed by the sickening sensation that someone was watching her. She turned quickly. Before she could scream, a man

leaped toward her out of the shadows and clapped a hand over her mouth. Then he shoved her ahead of him into the house.

Bright lights blazed suddenly to life behind the heavy curtains at the library windows. For a brief minute dark, terrifying shadows leaped and struggled within, in agonized combat, making weird, silhouettes. Then as suddenly as it had begun, the fray ended. The lights went out all at once, like candles doused suddenly under water, and darkness swiftly moved in again among the trees and over the rooftops. In spine-tingling accompaniment, a single, piercing shrill scream tore through the deadly quiet of the night.

"Oh, Mr. Hunter! Thank heavens you've come at last!" The maid's voice was a pathetic little whimper.

"Agnes! What's this all about? Where's Mrs. Hunter?" Bob demanded. "Is she all right?"

A tall, kindly looking man in plainclothes came forward from the library. "She's all right, Mr. Hunter," he said, reassuringly. "She's upstairs. Your friend Mr. Hannaford's with her. It was I who spoke with you when you called from the airport, Reynolds—Detective Lieutenant—Homicide Bureau."

"Homicide? What's it all about, Lieutenant? You said an 'accident'—What does it mean?"

"I wish I knew," Reynolds answered quietly. "Maybe you can help us, Hunter. Take a look in here."

He led Bob into the library. The ordinarily wellkept room spoke eloquently of a fierce struggle. Chairs were overturned, window panes shattered. A heavy square of canvas had been thrown casually into a formless heap near the desk. The lieutenant reached over and lifted a corner of the canvas. A bloody corpse was revealed.

"Know him?" Reynolds watched Bob closely.

"No," Bob replied, bewildered. "Who is he? What's he doing here? How'd he die?"

"From what we've learned so far, Hunter," said Reynolds, "it looks like your wife killed him!"

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exclaimed when Bob told her he could catch the next plane home. "What's three whole days' earlier than we planned? I'll meet you! What time does the plane get in?"

"Six-thirty tomorrow morning, dear," Bob said. "So I don't think you'd better plan on it."

"But I insist, darling! I've been up that early before. And besides, it'll give me a good excuse to get away from Paula's party early."

Someone was playing the piano and the thin wail of blues mingled with the subdued murmurs of the restless, attractive women and their nervously attentive male escorts. Paula was at the bar.

"They need 'em like a hole in the head!" she observed bluntly to the bartender who took the proffered tray of fresh cocktails for her guests.

Larry Hannaford, arriving fashionably late, greeted Chris with surprise. "What are you doing here?" he demanded.

Chris smiled. "Practising my broken-field running!"

His glance swept over the crowded, smoke-filled room. "Looks that way," he agreed. "Mr. Hannaford?"

Paula's loud welcome interrupted, responding heartily from the big room. "It's about time you got here!" she scolded, sailing swiftly toward him. "Fine thing, my trying to give a party without the guest of honour!" She caught his hand and led him toward the center of the room.

"Quiet, everybody! Quiet! I wish to make a speech!" The hum and chatter subsided as the guests gathered around her expectantly. Paula's hand rested on Larry's shoulder.

"The time has come," she began importantly, "to tell you why I gave this party. As you all know, six years ago I committed a crime against society—here she paused for effect—"I married a man."

"Anyway," Paula went on, "I've taken my punishment and today I was pardoned—paroled—which is it anyway?"

"Divorced!" a feminine voice interferred.

"Don't be crude," said Paula. "Anyway, I wish to pay tribute now to the man who made all this possible—Larry Hannaford!"

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FRENCH HOARDERS OF GOLD MAY NOT BE TEMPTED

London, Feb. 14. Simultaneously with the devaluation and withdrawal of 5,000 franc notes, a French citizen has obtained the right to convert his remaining notes into gold.

The Frenchmen may disband their dollar assets on the free market but hoarders of hidden gold have an even better chance, though they will probably retain their gold, for French monetary history since 1914 has proved gold's value.

Money Market Review

Wednesday, Feb. 14. Treasury deposits receipt maturities, brought much needed relief to a market that spent the earlier part of the week searching for accommodation and in some cases has been forced to seek official assistance.

Although requirements have not been particularly heavy, the calling in of funds by several banks made difficult even the satisfaction of comparatively small demands.

The latter part of the week saw easier conditions continuing with revenue payments offset by further maturities, with banks ready lenders, and the remainder of the week passed with all borrowers able to obtain their requirements.

Business in bills remained modest. The Bank of England return showed that the contraction of active note circulation continues unabated, a further £10,500,000 were returned to the Bank in the past week, leaving a total of active issue at around £1,250,000,000, which was £127,500,000 lower than level of one year ago.

Application for £170,000,000 Treasury bills totalling £240,000,000 of which £170,000,000 were allotted at the rate of ten shillings and 0.92 pence per cent. —Reuter.

Gold stands like a rock amid quicksand of the franc. While French money has lost much of its value, the Frenchman is publicly invited to legalise his illegal hoard of foreign currency and is officially authorised to buy gold in the free market if he chooses—which he has never been allowed to do before.

M. Mayer, the Finance Minister, wants to reinforce the Government's dollar and gold reserves. A cheap franc should assist exports which will bring dollars and gold and induce hoarders to sell them.

This should restore confidence in the franc. Devaluation has often been tried but M. Mayer is the first to attempt partial freedom for gold and dollar markets, to block a portion of the currency and to offer illegal wealth opportunity to make itself legal and make a profit at the same time.

Hoarder Tempted
 The gold market is free only for gold within France but the price of gold cannot fall below the Bank of France's buying price and can rise unlimitedly.

Gold prices might eventually rise high enough to tempt the most stubborn hoarder. The new Government decision may be disturbing but it can be effective.—Reuter.

U.S. Invests In Taiwan

Shanghai, Feb. 14. The Reynolds Metal Company (of America), by an agreement with the Chinese National Resources Commission, will invest US\$7,000,000 in the Kuangtung aluminum plant in Taiwan.

The plant is to be jointly operated by the American company and the Chinese Government.

Part of the funds will be used on purchases of new equipment for the manufacture of finished aluminum goods for the China market.—Reuter.

Korean Request Put Before The UNO

Lake Success, Feb. 13. A request to remove the Korean question from the agenda of the Little Assembly, meeting next week, was made today by Louise Yim, the United Nations delegate for the Korean Peoples' Representative Assembly.

The Korean request was made in view of the agreement by major Korean leaders to support elections under United Nations supervision.

The Secretary-General was also informed that anti-United Nations and anti-American riots in Korea had abated.

Louise Yim stated: "There seems to be little need to refer to the interim committee. The commission has a plan to proceed despite Soviet non-co-operation. Should the agenda include Korea, however, all Koreans hope the discussions will be brief, and that the commission will be instructed to complete its mission. We have just come through a dangerous crisis. Delay could cause another." —Reuter.

Elections Denounced
 Washington, Feb. 13. A former member of the South Korea Interim Legislative Assembly denounced today the proposal to hold elections in South Korea. Warren Y. Kim, member of the Assembly last year, by appointment of General Hodge as representative of Koreans resident in Hawaii, told a press conference that "Rightists would win such an election and establish a Fascist dictatorship under Syngman Rhee."

Swedish Mission For Berlin?
 London, Feb. 14. Sweden has asked the Allied Control Council for permission to set up a Swedish military mission in Berlin, Hamburg Radio reported tonight.

So far, 10 countries have established military missions to the Council, the Radio added. These missions have taken over the functions of the peacekeeping diplomats accredited to Germany.

A Swedish trade delegation arrive in Berlin today and will go on to Frankfurt for talks with the British and American Zone authorities, Hamburg Radio reported.—Reuter.

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Worth St. Has The Jitters

New York, Feb. 14. New York's famous Worth Street—textile capital of the world—has developed a severe case of jitters because of the plunge in commodity prices.

Cotton goods markets are wondering whether cotton—and cotton textiles—will be next. "There is no question but that cotton textiles prices are vulnerable," one market observer said. "They are 300 to 500 per cent higher than before the war."

The industry generally has adopted a wait-and-see attitude. Buyers are not anxious to place new orders for future delivery. Some mills say they are going to see what happens before taking more forward orders.

No matter what happens, some in the industry say, there will be no immediate change in prices. Consumers have to pay for men's shirts, women's house dresses, sheets and other cotton products. They say those goods already have been sold by manufacturers and the prices are set.

Others think a break in textile prices would cause retailers to mark down their spring goods.

One market observer said the next two weeks should tell the story on what is going to happen in textiles.

In the meantime cotton goods makers are keeping one eye on the consumer and retailer, and the other on the raw cotton market.—Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 14. A party of 45 Turkish Air Force officers are expected here today for training under the American aid programme for Turkey. A force of 150 Turkish naval officers and men has been training at Norfolk, Virginia, for the past month.—Reuter.

Terre Haute, Indiana, Feb. 14. Mordecai Brown, one of the greatest pitchers in major league baseball history, died here today, aged 71.—Associated Press.

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Shanghai
Daily: CNAC, 10.45 a.m.
Feb. 18, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.
Feb. 20, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.

Singapore via Bangkok
Feb. 18, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.
Feb. 22, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

Canton
H.K. Airways, three daily:
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Feb. 18, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

Feb. 21, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

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(Via Honolulu, Wake Guam, Okinawa, Shanghai)
Feb. 19, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.

Feb. 20, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.

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Feb. 18, BOAC (Capt. Burman) 8 a.m.

Singapore
Feb. 16, BOAC (Capt. Kyle) 7.30 a.m.

Shanghai via Bangkok
Feb. 16, Cathay Pacific, 7 a.m.

Manila
Feb. 16, Cathay Pacific, 2.30 p.m.

Feb. 18, Philippine Airlines, 1 p.m.

Shanghai
Daily: CNAC, 11.45 a.m.
Feb. 17, H.K. Airways, 10 a.m.
Feb. 17, Philippine Airlines, 11 a.m.

Canton
Feb. 19, H.K. Airways, 10 a.m.

H.K. Airways, three daily:
8.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m. & 3.30 p.m.

San Francisco
(Via Honolulu, Wake Guam, Manila)
Feb. 16, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

Feb. 19, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

San Francisco
(Via Shanghai, Okinawa, Guam, Wake & Honolulu)
Feb. 20, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

Feb. 27, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

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Macao, Tientsin and Shekai, 8 a.m.

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Fouchow, 2 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shekai, 2 p.m.

Canton, 2 p.m.
Straits, 2 p.m.
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Manila, Mauritius, L. Mafous, Helix and South Africa via Durban, 3 p.m.

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Airmail for Amoy: Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

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SPACE SHIPS
Berkeley, Calif. Feb. 15.
Rocket research engineer Norton B. Moore predicted today that space ships capable of interplanetary flight will be constructed within the next 20 years.

Although many problems remain, the basic obstacles of escaping the earth's gravitational field "can be overcome," Rockets will have to attain seven miles per second to overcome the pull of gravity. But nuclear energy or "multi-step" rockets may solve that problem, he said.

United Press.

ARRIVALS YESTERDAY

Empire State (Gillman) from New York, K. Whf.

Hai Yang (Douglas) from Swatow, K. Whf.

Co's Whf. (A.P.L.) from New York, K. Whf.

Sea Serpent (U.S.L.) from San Francisco, K. Whf.

Tientsin (H. & A.) from Swatow, Cust. Whf.

Flying Enterprise, Tientsin & Yokohama, K. Whf.

Hai Yang (Douglas) from Swatow, K. Whf.

Fronto (U.S.L.) from Swatow, K. Whf.

Stavac (H. & A.) from Swatow, K. Whf.

ARRIVALS TODAY
Golden West (A.P.L.) from New York, K. Whf.

Empire Park (Gillman) from Pacific, K. Whf.

DEPARTURES TODAY
Empire Park (Gillman) to Bangkok, K. Whf.

Hunan (Douglas) to Shanghai and Tientsin, K. Whf.

Newchwang (Douglas) to Penang, K. Whf.

Sea Serpent (U.S.L.) to San Francisco, K. Whf.

Traveler (Douglas) to South Africa, K. Whf.

ARRIVALS IN PORT
Alipur (Williams) from Kin. Dk.

Algodona (H. & A.) from Kin. Dk.

Alpharad (J.C.P.L.) from Kin. Dk.

Amaranthus (Wheelock) from R.R. Pr.

Am Hui (H. & A.) from Kin. Dk.

Annick (Wallen) from Kin. Dk.

Bushwood (P. & O.) from Kin. Dk.

Caroline Miller (Muller) from Kin. Dk.

Catherine (H. & A.) from Kin. Dk.

Chi Hing (Chi Shing) from Kin. Dk.

City of Kharatow (Bank Line), K. Whf.

Cloverleaf (Wheelock) from Kin. Dk.

Daviken (Johnson) from Kin. Dk.

Donella (H. & A.) from Kin. Dk.

Empire Maple (Jardine) from Kin. Dk.

Empire Park (Johnson) from Kin. Dk.

Empire State (Gillman) from Kin. Dk.

Empire Star (Gillman) from Kin. Dk.

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PACIFIC COAST

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21 Linfield Victory (Jardine)

21 Dona Nita (De La Rama)

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4 Furman Victory (A.P.L.)

6 Marine Leopard (A.P.L.)

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18 Capital Victory (A.P.L.)

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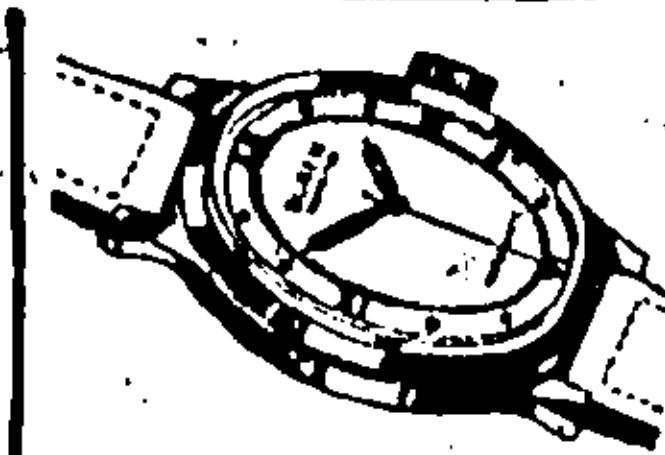
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POLICE SPRING SURPRISE

Yesterday's Senior Division Soccer Upsets

Sing Tao Cut The Margin Fine

The unexpected victory of Police over Chinese Athletic by two clear goals and the magnificent display put up by a weak St. Joseph's team against Sing Tao, when the latter won by the odd goal in five, were the outstanding features in yesterday's First Division soccer programme.

Club put up a good display in the early stages of the game against Kitchee, but after they lost the services of Fjelstad, who sustained a broken nose, and an injury to Barker, on the right wing, they were badly handicapped and were beaten by 5 goals to two.

At Soukumpo, the Inniskillings and Royal Air Force had easy wins against the Bulls and 25th Royal Artillery respectively.

SENIOR DIVISION

Club 2 Kitchee 5

On the Club ground yesterday Kitchee beat Hong Kong Football Club by five goals to two in the First Division of the Football League after leading three goals to one in the first half.

Club were forced to field a number of reserves, owing to injuries and in spite of their defeat and well against a well-organized side, Club were early handicapped by injuries to Fjelstad, their left back and Barker, their right wing. For the greater part of the game they played without the services of Fjelstad.

Well played a great game in the Club's attack and was rewarded with a good goal late in the game. Redman played hard but did not receive much support. He had the continual attentions of Yau Wah-hing who gave him no room to manoeuvre in.

Lack had no chance with the shots that beat him and on the whole gave a sound display. L. Strange was a hard worker and tackled well, but he was often caught out of position.

Kitchee scored first through Kwok Ying-keo but did not hold that lead long for Club equalised through Redman. Kitchee then pressed for a considerable period and Lee Bing-chai scored. The same player again netted soon after.

In the second half Kitchee pressed continually and shortly after the interval Kwok Ying-keo scored. Shortly after Kitchee were awarded a penalty which Leung converted.

The remainder of the game was a tussle between the Club defenders and the Kitchee forwards but the hard work of Forrow at centre half and the tackling of Berg and Strange prevented them from scoring.

The best goal of the game was scored by Weller who sent in a hard drive from 26 yards out which gave Choi Shu-hang no chance.

Sing Tao 3 St. Joseph's 2

Sing Tao were badly off form and their forwards were woefully weak in front of goal and many scoring chances went begging through slowness in front of goal.

MacDougall for the Saints played a good game in goal. He started shakily in the first half and should have saved at least two of the three goals scored against him but in the second half he played well and brought off a number of good saves.

Outstanding player in the Saints' defence was A. Xavier, captain of the Junior side. He was very hard working and tackled well giving no chance to the Chinese to settle down. Manson on his flank was also a hard worker. He tackled hard and well but lacked the ball control so necessary to set his forwards in motion.

In the attack Gomes was by far the best. He was always assisting his hard pressed defence and when in possession made the best use of the ball. He sent Omar away on the wing on several occasions and was always a menace to the Sing Tao defence.

Omar, on the left wing, played a much better game than he did on the previous day. He had Hau Yung-sang fully occupied, and sent over several good centres. He missed numerous good scoring chances.

Sing Tao took the field confidently but were fully extended for the greater part of the first half. Soong Ling-sing was playing a great game and was keeping a close check on Leonard, the Saints' centre forward.

Lau Chung-sang was fully occupied watching the left wing combination of Omar and Gomes and was not able to render the support to his forwards as in previous games. Chan Kam-hoi had an easy afternoon against St. Joseph's right wing and was always assisting his forwards.

Sing Tao forwards attempted to walk the ball into the net and they were continually frustrated by the hard tackling of Hussain and Rumjohn whose first time tackling was a feature of the game.

In the second half MacDougall regained his confidence and was bringing off a number of good saves from close range. Hussain was a great stumbling block to the Sing Tao attackers while Brown at right half did well against Chau Tsung-ling in keeping him subdued.

Goal Awarded

The opening stages of the game was closely contested. Saints were the first to attack and Leonard and Pereira went near scoring. Sing Tao took up the attack and a hot drive from Fung King-cheung was saved on the goal line by MacDougall but the referee awarded a goal. Saints were not long in arrears for shortly after Pereira equalised when he netted from close in.

Sing Tao were soon again in the lead when Ho Ying-fan beat MacDougall with a header and shortly after Fung King-cheung increased the lead when he netted following a free kick just outside the penalty area.

Before half time Leonard took advantage of an opening in the Sing Tao defence and netted easily.

The second half was all in favour of Sing Tao. Overeagerness in front of goal prevented the Sing Tao players from scoring. MacDougall brought off a number of good saves and Hussain, Rumjohn and Xavier put up a great defensive display.

As the Saints were mostly on the defensive their forwards saw little of the ball but when in possession made the most of their chances. In the closing stages Yee Yu-tat was called upon to save from drives by Leonard, Gomes and Pereira.

There was no scoring in the second half.

Eastern 4 Navy 1

At Caroline Hill, Eastern beat Navy by four goals to one, but the score was hardly a true indication, as the sailors, although fielding a scratch XI, enjoyed as much of the game as their opponents.

Individually, the Navy were brilliant, but as a combination they lacked proper understanding.

Griggs, who deputised for Ade in goal, brought off a number of fine saves.

Rice and Bolton, the full backs, offered stubborn resistance to the Eastern forwards and by robust tackling, upset many dangerous moves.

Flintham, in the pivotal position, was safe and was well supported by Register and Allen.

Kitchen, who usually plays on the wing, took over as leader of the attack and with Peterson and Sleeman in support, continually worried the Eastern defence. Sleeman, a 17-year-old youngster, showed up well against well seasoned and experienced players. He

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Club	2	Kit Chee	5
Sing Tao	3	St. Joseph's	2
Chinese A.A.	0	Police	2
Eastern	4	Navy	1
Bulls	1	Innicks	5
25th R.A.	1	R.A.F.	6

should develop into a player of outstanding ability and prove a valuable asset to the Navy.

The Eastern defence played a solid game and covered one other well, with Fok Yiu-wah repeatedly catching the eye with powerful clearances.

In the forward line, Lau Fook-chuen was the most powerful player. Lee Tak-kee, centre forward, wasted a lot of breath shouting instructions to his team mates as to what they should do with the ball.

Good Start

Eastern started off in business-like manner and Griggs did well to save a series of hard drives from close range. Navy gradually settled down and almost drew first blood when Sleeman received while unmarked, but his passing shot went wide. Ten minutes after the start, Lee Tak-kee, receiving in what appeared to be an off-side position, ran through to put the ball past Griggs from about three yards' range. In spite of this reverse, Navy enjoyed a major share of the game, but finishing touches to near approach work lacked punch. Shortly before half time, Leung Wing-kwong cut in from the left and scored with a hard ground shot.

On resumption, Griggs brought off a brilliant save as Lee Tak-kee rammed in a pley-drive from some five yards. Barrow took the ball down and Kitchee, gathering the pass, skinned the crossbar. Tam then saved well from Davis. Shortly afterwards, Lau Fook-chuen went through to beat Griggs and give Eastern their third goal. Tam was brought to his knees as Davis flushed the ball in from the left. Eastern's last goal was scored by Chin Chi-fun. In spite of the score, the sailors, far from downhearted, intensified their attacks and were rewarded when Peterson netted after a neat bout of passing.

Eastern: Tam Kwanching; Fok Yiu-wah, Lee Kam-hing, Tsang Sik-hong; Lo Hong-sun, Lee Wai-keung, Chin Chi-fun, Mak Wai-keung, Lee Tak-kee, Lau Fook-chuen and Leung Wing-kwong.

Navy: Griggs; Rice, Bolton; Register, Flintham, Allen; Barrow, Peterson, Kitchee, Sleeman and Davis.

Bulls 1 Inniskillings 5

At Soukumpo, the game between the Bulls and Inniskillings was dull and uninteresting.

The Bulls' defence was inclined to panic and put the ball into touch as often as they could.

After 12 minutes, the expected Inniskillings goal came after a fine movement by Feley who sent a long pass out to his left-winger, Meads, who quickly returned the ball to Pudney, who passed back for Meads to score from close-in. The Bulls' goalkeeper making no attempt to save.

Sytle missed a golden opportunity to equalise when the well placed but shot wide.

The Bulls started many a good move but were not backed up by their halves and consequently their movements came to nothing.

The Irishmen went further ahead when on Foley taking a throw-in, the ball went to Meads, who tapped it first time into the centre for Pudney to score with Thompson out of position.

The Inniskillings were finding their men perfectly, and again from a movement starting from the left, gathering a loose ball, Pudney hit the upright with Thompson beaten.

After the interval, the Bulls sprang into action for the first time, Moyes forcing a corner and sending in a high shot which Mockler headed well out.

This seemed to bring the Bulls back into the picture, but they faded after another 5 minutes' play.

Following a corner by Burns, Pudney shot wide when well placed. The Inniskillings went further ahead when Meads sent in a low centre, Pudney jumped over the ball, and Hannon following up netted. A few minutes later, Thompson stop-

TEST CRICKET

England On The Defensive

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Feb. 14.

The close of play score at the end of the fourth day in the second Test match here was England second innings 70 for three wickets after Abe West, India first innings had closed for 497, giving them a lead of 135 on the first innings. One day's play remains.

Rain fell to prevent England starting their second innings before lunch. The four outstanding West Indies wickets fell this morning for the addition of 50 runs to the overnight total score and 31 of those were hit by E.A.V. Williams. He showed real powers of hitting, particularly against Allen and took only 16 minutes to score his runs.

He made them with 10 strokes—seven fours and three singles, but then skied the ball back to Allen the bowler.

Allen had previously taken Christians' wicket—his first Test wicket of the tour.

The other two wickets today fell to H. J. Butler, who uprooted the leg stumps of both Ferguson and Gaskin—Redfer-

ped a full blooded drive from Burns who was only 6 yards out.

Five minutes from the end, Pudney headed in from a near centre by Burns, and three minutes from time the Irishmen were awarded a penalty for "hands" and Andrews converted.

Majendie and Lilla were hard workers in the Bulls' defence. The Bulls lost because of lack of combination between forwards and halves.

Teams: England—Thompson; Hall, Gaby; Lill, Majendie, Gidley; Moyes, Wright, Mockler, Sytle, Mellows.

Inningskilling: Bennett; Ryall, Kilcurry; Foley, Johnston, Kennedy; Burns, Hannon, Pudney, Andrews, Meads.

25 R.A. 1 R.A.F. 6

In the second game at Soukumpo, the R.A.F. after being a goal down in the first two minutes, scored three goals through Sewell inside nine minutes. The Royal Air Force ran out well deserved winners by 6 goals to 1.

The 25th R.A. went ahead when Barnden scored with Lewis well beaten.

Immediately afterwards, Soular and Anderson put through Roberts, who passed to Sewell, who headed the ball down between the two advancing full backs, ran round them and, with a hard drive, equalised from 6 yards. The same player went through again from a pass from Hall to put the R.A.F. further ahead when he ran through, drew the goalkeeper out of position, and shot past him.

With the R.A.F. leading 3 goals to 1, the R.A. came back to the attack and Lewis was called upon to make three grand saves in a row from Marsden, Russell and Bates.

The R.A. then bombarded the R.A.F. goal but the R.A.F. defence kept the situation under control.

In the second half, a sharp attack on the R.A.F. goal ended when Russell shot and was well saved by Lewis.

Marsden then had bad luck when, snapping up a pass from Rice, he saw Lewis deflect his shot for a corner.

The airman went further ahead when Anderson shot from 30 yards and the ball was tipped over the bar for a corner by Wylie. Baxter put the corner on to Sewell's head, he nodded it to the feet of Hall, who made no mistake. Hall then, from a centre by Baxter, made Wylie dive full length to make a grand save.

In the 16th minute, Sewell with his usual burst of speed, left the full backs standing and scored from close range.

Then Baxter, R.A.F. outside right, sold Nassua a perfect dummy, centred to Sewell who crashed it past Wylie giving him no chance.

Teams: R.A.F.: Lewis; Soular, King; Adams, Anderson, Gray; Baxter, Roberts, Sewell, Hall and Goodwillie.

25th R.A.: Wylie; Cooper, Nassua, Crisland, Vernon, Rice; Russell, Russell, Bates, Marsden, and Goldrick.

CRICKET

Jardine's Outplayed

Hong Kong Bank easily defeated Ewo in their inter-Hong match on the Club ground yesterday. R. Evans-Thomson taking five Ewo wickets for six runs.

In a bright knock R. Milne-Day hit one six and 7 fours in his 1st of 44. Ewo scored more freely when they went in for a casual knock after the match was over.

Scores:—H.K. & SHANGHAI BANK G. A. Stewart, b Mills 6; H.S. Forsyth, c Ricketts, b Mills 10; R. Evans-Thomson, c Blott, b Gill 10; M.F.L. Haynes, lbw Gill 11; P.S.M. Dew, c Standaloff, b Gill 10; G.N. Haines not out 4; Extras 10.

Total 160
Ricketts 9 0 14 2
Mills 0 0 51 3
Gill 12 1 47 5
Standaloff 3 1 10 0
Holmes 2 0 13 0
Baker 3 0 24 0

W.V.O. 2
C.C. Blott, c Haynes, b Haynes 2
J.P. Baker, c Walker, b Haynes 13
Haynes 5
L.S. Middleton, b Stewart 9
A. Ricketts, b Stewart 9
G.M. Mills, b Thomas 9
N.C. Bogley, c Dew, b Stewart 1
K.A. Standaloff, c Walker, b Thomas 0
A.P. Taylor Gill, c Haynes, b Thomas 0
J.D. Mackie, b Thomas 0
R.W. Hose, c Stewart, b Thomas 0
M. Sidbury not out 1
Extras 6

Total 46
Haynes 6 2 17 1
Haynes 6 2 8 1
Stewart 3 0 9 3
Thomas 3 1 6 5

Although Billimoria took 7 wickets for 49 runs, Craigengower were well beaten by the Dockeyard yesterday.

Scores:—CRAIGENGOWER A.H. Ismail, c Mathews, b Collins 4
P.J. Billimoria, c Trout, b Mathews 6
W. Hong Sing, run out 5
T. Crabtree, st Jackson, b Collins 1
S. Ramchand, lbw b Adams 14
S.M. Omar, b Mathews 11
R. Inance, b Adams 0
C.S. Carr, b Gladwin 0
A. Kuruneru, b Mathews 11
P. Esnall, not out 11
B.S. Chowla, lbw b Collins 9
Extras 8

Total 79
Bowling: Collins 3 for 19; Mathews 3 for 27; Adams 2 for 11; Gladwin 1 for 5.

DOCKEYARD Collins, b Billimoria 12
Gladwin, c & b Billimoria 2
Clarke, c Ismail, b Ramchand 0
Brown, lbw b Billimoria 27
Adams, c Omar, b Billimoria 20
Mathews, st Ismail, b Billimoria 22
Trout, st Ismail, b Inance 2
Jackson, c Ismail, b Billimoria 2
Lane, b Inance 10
Annett, not out 0
Evans, st Ismail, b Billimoria 1

Total 100
Bowling: Billimoria 7 for 49; Ramchand 1 for 6; Inance 2 for 25.

SHADOW GOVT. Cairo, Feb. 15.

A "miniature" Arab administration for Palestine has been formed by the Arab League, the Secretary General, Azzam Fashia, announced today after a meeting of the Arab League Political Committee.

The head of the administration was not named—Reuter.

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SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Canadians Out Of Pennant Race

(By Grandstand)

In the Senior League week-end needle tilt, the Madcaps dished out errorless ball to nose-out the Canadians 6-5, despite a last inning rally by the Canucks with the bases full, while the Fillipinos staged an eight run uprising in the sixth inning reducing an early innings deficit to emerge victors 14-13 over the V.R.C.

St. Joseph's trampled all over a weak Baseballers side 12-2 while the South China nine handed out to the R. Lickings Rovers their 12th consecutive loss with a 9-3 triumph. Police were unable to field a full side and gave a walk-over to Recreation. In the Ladies loop, Wildcat hurler, Dolly Brown, had the Dees eating out of her hands with a 15 strike-out performance, incidentally notching up a record by shattering Terry Noronha's 13 strike-outs against the Canadians.

In the Junior League, Leo Tavaras' Blue Beetles toppled the league leading Dare-devils 3-2, the Azevedo brothers engaging in a pitching duel, Alfredo tossing for the victors while Lichy twirled for the 1-ers.

Dale Cramer, fire-ball wizard, staged a come-back when he had Bill Woo's Canadians ga-ga, and although he only fanned one, he had the satisfaction of seeing walling Willie Woo standing still on a knee-high groover for a called third strike. Cramer walked two and added six hits while Kassa Nazarin for the Maple Leafs fanned two and passed two to the initial station, but whereas Cramer had perfect fielding behind him, Nazarin was poorly supported by erratic backing, especially in the fourth frame when four bungles were committed.

First Walk Canuck lead-off George White looked over four pitches and drew the first walk off Cramer, Junior Marker, dumped a bunt along first and beat the throw, but White was nailed at third.

Home-run Baker drew the second pass, and trotted down to first with two on bases and one away, but Bill Woo grounded out while Herbie Quon slid to end the scoring threat.

The Madcaps drew first blood when Maurice Verlysen, Ron Sequeira and Sid Hollands loaded the sacks on a bunt, a walk and a fielder's choice, a perfect setting when Dale Cramer poled out a towering foul fly towards the left field fence. Percentage ball would have been to let it go, but Junior Marker chased it and clamped his mitts on the apple, but too late to cut off Verlysen who tore for the plate with the catch. The next two frames were "three-up and three-down" affairs, with both sides putting on the pressure. In the next canto, however, the pressure was too great, and the Canucks crunched up with a succession of four errors which, coupled with Lichy Verlysen's timely single, were responsible for four Madcap runs crossing the counting-station. The Maple Leafs were still unable to score and at the end of the fifth, their aggregate score was still zero. The Madcaps added another tally in their half of the fifth when Sid Hollands drew a pass and romped home on a bunt and a miscue.

Ice Broken The Canadians broke the ice in the sixth when they notched up three runs on three successive hits, including Home-run Baker's two-bagger, the longest hit of the day. The Madcaps failed to score in their half of the sixth and the Canadians came in to bat trailing behind 6-3. George Lee singled, stole second but was called back by the Plate Umpire in a foul-tip. Robbins singled also, and advanced Lee to second when he tried for the marker on George White's bunt which was neatly handled by first-sacker Baker. Junior Marker got a life on a fielder's choice and Baker came in to bat. Baker looked over the first pitch and socked the next one on the nose for a screaming liner to left field. Robbins and White scored but Junior Marker was nabbed at third base on left-fielder Ren Sequeira's bullet peg to that base and then everything was overbar the shouting.

The Big Gun of the day was Home-run Baker who came through with two safeties in three trips for timely hitting to chase in three runners, while Junior Marker produced a two in four performance.

V.R.C. lost a heart-breaker after holding the lead for five innings. The score was still tied after their last turn at bat. In the seventh and final frame, the

Fillipinos started off with Joe Franco who made first base on a fumble by Spiky Gutters, third sacker for the V.R.C. Pappy Mallin up next, slammed a liner out to the left pastures and Joey scampered home amid a cloud of dust for the winning run. The only run-tripper batted out in this tussle was by George Saunders, who has surprised many with his batting average despite his unorthodox grip.

Good Pitching In the St. Joseph's-Baseballers dawn frame, Sherry Bux took over mound duties and had the Moltmen blanked for six frames and allowed a pair of tallies in the final semester on a hit and an error. Bux yielded three safeties while his teammates unleashed a 15-hit barrage against Billy Wilkinson, the opposing hurler. Bux cut the only four-master with two aboard, while Dave Leonard of the Saints and Gus Rozario of the Baseballers knocked out a double a piece. The Saints showed their might when they notched up four runs in the first chapter and added another spurge of five in the third to put the game on ice.

The Club de Recreio staged "a family affair" when the Buchelors tangled with the Married Men in a softball affray, as part of their series of athletic exhibitions between these two rival contingents. The "bitched" outfit nosed out the singles by 2-1, Lino Gosino and Spotty Pereira scoring for the winners whilst Dick Alves, catcher for the Senior Rambling Rees, chalked up the losers' only run in the initial frame. Gerry Gusano lost the rubber for the bachelors while Jackie Noronha twirled them for the married squad.

MEN'S "A" DIVISION Canadians 6, Madcaps 6
St. Joseph's 12, Baseballers 2
V.R.C. 13, Fillipinos 14
South China 9, Rovers 3
Police gave a walk-over to Recreation.

MEN'S "B" DIVISION Blue Beetles 3, Dare-devils 2
Rexes 17, Rangers 3
Jaguars 9, Wildfires 9
C'mons 5, Josephians 12

LADIES LEAGUE Wildcats 15, Bess 2

HOW THEY STAND

DIVISION 1						
	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.
Arsenal	28	18	9	8	52	17
Burnley	28	14	9	5	40	26
Derby	27	13	8	6	37	35
Preston N.E.	28	14	6	8	45	42
Wolves	28	13	7	8	40	44
Manchester U.	28	12	6	10	37	38
Aston Villa	27	11	7	9	42	39
Millwall	28	12	6	10	35	49
Sheff. Utd.	29	12	5	12	40	50
Portsmouth	28	12	4	12	47	58
Charlton	28	12	3	13	42	62
Everton	28	10	5	13	39	57
Manchester C.	28	9	8	11	41	49
Liverpool	29	8	8	13	38	52
Huddersfield	28	8	8	12	39	41
Chelsea	28	8	7	13	30	51
Southampton	28	7	10	11	35	48
Sunderland	29	8	7	14	40	62
Ipswich	30	10	3	17	34	51
Bradford	25	9	4	12	37	28